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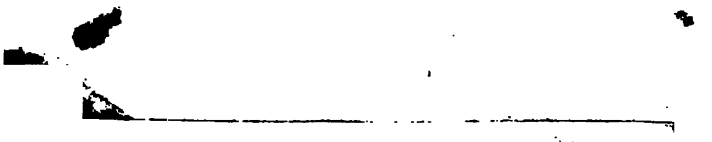
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Wednesday, August 20, 1817.

THIS being the day, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Mary's Church, in the city of Burlington; at 11 o'clock, A. M. Divine service was performed by the Rev. John Croes, jun. and a sermon, on the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Chapman.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Rudd and William Coxe, Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of Churches represented.

The Committee reported, that Deputies were present from eleven Churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D.D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D.D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

The Rev. Daniel Higbee, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown; St. John's Church, Salem; and St. George's Church, Penn's-Neck;

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. James Montgomery, Deacon, officiating at St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Deacon, officiating at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill, and a Missionary to the vacant Churches in the Diocess.

Of the Laity, there were present,

Joshua M. Wallace, Esq. William Coxe, Esq. and Mr. Isaac Perkins, of St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

Joseph Phillips, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

Mr. Joseph Bennet, Mr John Dobbins, John Neale, Esq. John L. Nugent, Esq. and Mr. James Coppuck, St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

Joseph Marsh, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

Mr. James Throckmorton and Capt. Daniel Snowhill, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood;

Mr. William Dayton, St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

Mr. George Nelson, Trinity-Church, Newark;

Mr. Abraham Harris, and Mr. Emanuel Beagary, St. Mary's Church, Colestown;

Mr. Daniel Terrill, Trinity-Church, Woodbridge;

Mr. Charles Higbee, St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

Mr. Joseph Batton, Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The number of Churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum, the Convention was formed, and proceeded to the election of a Secretary; when the Rev. Mr. Chapman was re-elected.

On motion, resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Kemper, of the Diocess of Pennsylvania, and Mr. George Woodruff and Mr. I. B. Bowen, Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to the sittings of this Convention.

An application having been made, for the admission into union with this Convention, of an unincorporated Church, lately instituted at Paterson, agreeably to a provision of the 4th article of the Constitution; on motion, it was resolved, that the said Church be admitted: whereupon, Mr. Mark W. Collet presented a certificate of his appointment, as a Lay Deputy from the said Church, and took his seat in the Convention.

The standing rules of order were then read.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes delivered the following Address:

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,

It is made my duty, by the forty-fifth Canon of the Church, in the United States, to deliver, at every annual Convention, an address to you, on the affairs of the Diocess, since the preceding meeting. This duty, with Divine permission, I shall now perform. It cannot, however be expected, that, in the details of a Diocess, composed of so few churches, and containing still fewer ministers, matters calculated to excite much interest can be presented. It ought to be satisfactory, if, in the view given of it, no declension of its former progress appears; if, on the contrary, that progress has not only been continual; but, in some degree, increased. That this is believed to be the case, the statement to be presented to you, it is hoped, will justify.

It was my intention, as stated in my former address, to visit, during the, then approaching, month of September, the long vacant churches, in the county of Sussex. To render the visit as useful as possible, I had invited the Rev. Mr. Bayard to accompany me. Preparations were indeed made, and the journey actually commenced; but, in consequence of the severe and long protracted storm, in that month, the undertaking was relinquished for the time.

In the month of October, I visited St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly; and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. George Youngs Morehouse.

In November, Mr. Francis H. Cuming was admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders, and licensed, as a Lay Reader.

In December, I held a Confirmation, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick; on which occasion, that Holy Rite was administered to forty-seven persons.

Mr. Thomas Osborn, a Candidate for Holy Orders, in the Diocess of New-York, was licensed, in the month of January, 1817, to officiate, as a Lay Reader, in St. Matthew's Church, City of Jersey,

In the month of May, I visited Trinity-Church, at Newark, administered Confirmation to thirty-seven persons, and preached in the afternoon.

Immediately after the sitting of the General Convention, I visited, and officiated at, the Churches, in the southern part of the Diocess, in the following order: St. Stephen's, Mullica's Hill, on Thursday the 5th of June; St. Thomas's, Glassborough, on Friday the 6th; Trinity, Swedesborough,

on Saturday the 7th, and on Sunday the 8th; St. John's, Salem, on Wednesday the 11th; St. George's, Penns-Neck, and Trinity, Swedesborough, on Thursday the 12th; St. Peter's, Berkeley, on Friday the 13th; St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, twice, on Sunday the 15th; St. Mary's, Colestown, on Monday the 16th; St. Mary's, Burlington, on Tuesday the 17th; and St. Michael's, Trenton, on Wednesday the 18th.

During this visit, I admitted, on Sunday the 8th of June, in Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, Mr. Samuel Creighton Stratton of that place, to the Holy order of Deacons.

In the months of May and June, I visited, and officiated at, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, three times; and, on the last occasion, I administered Confirmation to thirty-seven persons. The following day, I visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

I visited also, St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, on Sunday the 6th of July, and officiated twice, in that congregation.

Immediately after my return, I set out, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Bayard, to make my long delayed visit to the vacant Churches, in the county of Sussex. We arrived at the congregation of St. James's Church, Knowlton, on Tuesday the 8th of July, and continued there, performing Divine Service, and preaching in the Church, every day, for the space of a week. On the Lord's day, which occurred in the time, I preached twice, to a crouded audience, administered the communion to eighteen persons, and baptized seventeen children. On the succeeding Tuesday, I administered Confirmation to seventeen persons. During part of this time, Mr. Bayard was absent, preaching at Belvidere and Hope, two villages at the extreme bounds of this congregation; and, on the Sunday, that intervened, in the congregations of Christ-Church, Newton, and Christ-Church, Johnsonburgh. On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 15th of July, we left St. James' Knowlton, and Mr. Bayard returned home. I continued in the vicinity, and, on Thursday, officiated at the village of Hope, and, on Friday, in the congregation of Christ-Church, Johnsonburgh. On the Sunday succeeding, I officiated twice, to considerable assemblies, in the Court-room, at Newton, the congregation of Christ-Church, in that place, being destitute of a house of worship.

During this visit, the sacrament of baptism was administered to thirty-six adults and children.

On Sunday, the 3d of the present month, I visited St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town; and, though it was not my intention to hold a Confirmation, at that time, as one had so recently taken place; yet, in consideration of a particular request, in a case, in which some young persons were about to remove to a situation, in which they might never have an opportunity of enjoying that Holy Rite, I consented to administer it, to as many as might offer.—The number confirmed, on the occasion, was ten. I also performed Divine Service and preached, in the afternoon of that day.

On my return from Elizabeth-Town, I commenced a visit, to the Churches in the northern part of Hunterdon county, and, on Thursday the 7th inst. I officiated at the house of Mr. Robert Sharp, of the congregation of St. Andr..'s, Amwell. On the Sunday succeeding, I performed Divine Service, and preached to a numerous assembly, in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria; and, in the afternoon of the same day, to a large congregation, at Mr. Robert Sharp's, before mentioned. St. Thomas's Church is almost in ruins; but there is reason to believe, that the congregation, though very much reduced, will shortly make a successful effort to rescue it from total destruction.

In the course of these visitations, I have generally witnessed, and with great satisfaction, a growing attachment to our apostolick Church, a zeal for its prosperity, and a manifestation of gratitude;—in some instances indeed, especially in vacant Churches,—a high degree of joy, on account of the interest taken in their spiritual welfare, and the opportuty afforded them of participating in the rational and primitive services of the Sanctuary. It is to be lamented, that so many Churches in the Diocess, still continue vacant; it is an evil, however, though capable of considerable mitigation, which cannot, for a long time, be completely remedied. Some of the churches, now vacant, are situated so contiguous to each other, that they may, by uniting, afford support to ministers. This, I trust, will be the case, shortly, with those, thus favourably circumstanced. Several, however, will remain, which, for some years, at least, must depend, for the ministration of the word and ordinances, principally upon the clergymen, who shall be provided and supported by the Directors of the Missionary Fund. Although this fund has increased to an amount, greater than could have been con-

templated, at the time of its institution; yet, that it may have full and permanent effect, it is greatly to be desired, that it should progress, till the interest, in connection with the annual collections, amounts to a sum sufficient to remunerate a Missionary for the whole of his time. Experience has shewn, that it is difficult to procure a clergyman, to serve in this important office, on any terms, short of this. I take the occasion, therefore, to urge upon you, my brethren, both of the clergy and laity, a due attention to this subject. We have already, under the smiles of Divine Providence, done much. A continuance of the same zeal, of the same affectionate concern for the spiritual interests of the scattered sheep of our Flock, destitute of shepherds; and an increased punctuality in making the collections, will, with the blessing of the same beneficent Providence, in a short time, enable us, not only to preserve, and finally render permanent, the churches still vacant; but to increase the number, by the organization of new congregations. Some good examples, on this subject, I am happy to say, have lately been given. The congregation of Trinity-Church, Newark, and a new Church, recently organized, at Paterson, have established Missionary Societies, in aid of the Fund.

Among the causes of mutual congratulation, on account of the improving state of our Church, it is not one of the least, that Sunday-Schools have much increased, in this Diocess, during the past year; and, what adds to their value, is, that the time spent in them, is devoted to religious instruction, as well as to instruction in reading, &c. It is desirable, on this account, that they should be, as they generally are, confined to our own Society. Sunday-Schools, composed of different religious denominations, preclude, in a considerable degree, religious instruction, or occasion jealousies and discontents.

Among the number established, one, at least, perhaps more, has been organized in a vacant church. May the laudable example be followed.

It cannot have escaped the notice of any one; nor ought I to omit mentioning it, to their praise, that the Church is principally indebted, under GOD, for these excellent nurseries of our communion, and of candidates for heaven, to her pious and benevolent female members. They have certainly, in this Diocess, taken the lead in this praise-worthy institution, this labour of love, and their reward will be certain.

The Episcopal Society, for the promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, in this Diocess, has not relaxed in its exertions to promote the objects of its institution. It has appropriated, for the present year, $ 163, for purchasing Bibles, Prayer-Books, and Tracts, to be gratuitously distributed, &c. and its permanent fund, amounts now, to nearly $ 600. It adds not a little to the satisfaction derived from its prosperity, that several of the female members of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown, have lately associated, under the name of The Female Episcopal Society of Shrewsbury and Middletown, for the promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, as auxiliary to the Parent Society.

There is, at present, but one Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocess, though others are preparing for admission.

Since the meeting of the last annual Convention, the Rev. George Y. Morehouse has been instituted Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, late of the Diocess of New-York, who officiated in St. Matthew's Church, Jersey, has, in consequence of his removing to the Diocess of Maryland, resigned his charge of that Church.

The Rev. James Montgomery, lately a Deacon in the Diocess of Pennsylvania, has removed into this Diocess; and, it is with great satisfaction, I communicate it, has accepted of an invitation to be their minister, from the long vacant congregation of St. Michael's Church, at Trenton.

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, lately ordained a Deacon, has been appointed a Missionary to the vacant Churches, in this Diocess, and has already commenced his labours.

A new Church has been instituted in the town of Paterson.

The number of persons confirmed, since the last Convention, is one hundred and forty-nine.

I cannot close this address, without recalling to your recollection, and participating with you, in the pleasure it affords, the flourishing and progressive state of our Church, at large, as was manifested at the late interesting General Convention, not only, by the favourable reports presented, from every quarter; but also, by the numbers, zeal, and respectability, both of the clergy and laity, who assembled on that occasion. In addition to these circumstances, so propitious, provision was made, by that respectable Body, for carrying into effect

two objects of vital importance to the further prosperity and extension of our communion: the establishment of a General Theological Seminary for the due instruction of Candidates for the ministry; and the extension of the benefits of the Episcopal Office, to the States and Territories, west of the Alleghany Mountains. These under the Divine Auspices, cannot fail to promote the cause of our Blessed Lord and Master; and not only bring into the great Fold, the now scattered and wandering sheep of our Flock; but also increase their number. Let us, my brethren, further these great objects, by all the means in our power, remembering, at the same time, that, if we hope to succeed, we must constantly look up to the Fountain of all good, for a blessing upon our endeavours. Thus doing, and conforming ourselves, to the Divine Will, in other respects, the issue will not be doubtful.

But while we are thus felicitating ourselves, on this prosperous, this flattering condition of our Church, can I omit noticing the deeply afflicting event, which has just reached our ears; an event that cannot fail to repress the joy, which this bright prospect had so recently enkindled. GOD, my brethren, has been pleased, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from the Church, in South Carolina, her respectable and worthy Head. Bishop Dehon has ceased to be an inhabitant of this vale of tears. It adds not a little to the grief, which many of us feel, on this mournful occasion, that so short a space has elapsed, since we had the opportunity and satisfaction of seeing him in his usual health, and enjoying the pleasure of his society. Let it admonish us of the uncertainty of life, and of the necessity of being always ready to render an account of our stewardship.

JOHN CROES.

Burlington, August 20, 1817.

The Secretary, in behalf of the Committee of publication, now reported a printed copy of the Journal of the last Convention, which was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, in behalf of the Standing Committee, of the last year, made a report of the proceedings of that body, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed, as an appendix to the Journal.

On motion, the Clergy were called on, for the parochial reports, required, by the forty-fifth canon of the General Convention: the following were presented.

Trinity-Church, Newark.

REV. LEWIS P. BAYARD, *Rector.*

Baptisms,		13
Funerals,		16
Communicants,	4 deceased, 24 added,	84
Marriages,		6

A Sunday School has been instituted in this Church, and between ninety and a hundred scholars have been admitted to the benefit of its instruction.

St. John's Church, Elisabeth-Town.

REV. J. C. RUDD, *Rector.*

Families and Contributors, about		95
Baptisms,	adults 2, infants 17	19
Communicants,		99
Marriages,		6
Funerals,	of those belonging to the Congregation, 10; others interred in St. John's church yard, 3	13

The Church here, though not enjoying a rapid progress, is nevertheless evidently improving. The number and zeal of her friends have certainly been considerably increased in a few years. Notwithstanding the efforts, very artfully and industriously made of late, to alienate the attachment of many members of our Communion, especially among the young, it is gratifying to state, that the number of constant and serious attendants upon the worship of the Sanctuary, has been so much extended, as to render their accommodation with seats in the Church extremely difficult.

Such have been the attempts to divert the attention of persons from the Church, that the Rector has found it necessary, at least in his estimation, to increase very considerably his public duties. While the labour of superintending and teaching a large boarding-school, rendered extra duty particularly inconvenient, he found it adviseable to perform divine service and preach, for a considerable time, five times in a week, and, as he hopes and believes, with profit to the cause of rational piety, and the salvation of souls.

There have been very considerable additions to the Holy Communion, during the last year; but as an unusual number of deaths and removals have occurred, these additions do not appear in their full extent, in his report.

The congregation are now evincing their zeal, in erecting a new parsonage house, which, when completed, will be a great addition to the comfort of their Minister and his family; and a permanent evidence of their solicitude to promote the respectability of their Church, and the convenience and happiness of their Clergyman.

JOHN C. RUDD.

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

REV. J. CHAPMAN, *Rector.*

Families, about	30
Communicants, (added 2)	32
Baptisms,	4
Marriages,	2
Funerals, of the Congregation 4, others 5,	9

Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

THE RIGHT REV. JOHN CROES, D. D. *Rector.*

Families, about	60
Communicants, { 8 added / 3 removed }	48
Baptisms, { 2 adults, / 15 children, }	17
Marriages,	7
Funerals, { 2 of the Congregation, / 2 others, }	4

Christ-Church Shrewsbury.

REV. JOHN CROES, JUN. *Rector.*

Families,	45
Communicants,	36
Baptisms, the last year,	3
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	2

Christ-Church, Middletown.

REV. JOHN CROES, JUN. *Minister.*

Families,	15
Communicants,	12

Baptisms, last year,	2
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	1

St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

REV. JOHN CROES, JUN. *Minister.*

Families,	16
Communicants,	13
Marriages,	1

The Rev. Mr. Croes, also states, with pleasure that the congregation of Shrewsbury have, during the last year, repaired their Church, by putting on it a new roof, and painting it. He hopes from the zeal, they have lately manifested in forming a Female Episcopal Society, auxiliary to the New-Jersey Episcopal Society, and in establishing two Sunday Schools, that true religion is gaining ground among them. It is proper to state, that the Females of the Middletown-Church united with those of Shrewsbury, in the formation of the Episcopal Society.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

REV. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. *Rector.*

Baptisms, { 5 adults, 13 children and infants, }	18
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3
Families and Contributors, about	40
Communicants, about	35

The congregation is attentive, especially that part of it, which resides in the town.

A legacy of 266 dollars has been left to the Church, by the late Miss Riché, to purchase chandeliers and branches for the Church, which purpose has been complied with.

A new roof has been put on the Church the present summer.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

THE REV. G. Y. MOREHOUSE, *Rector.*

Families, about	50
Communicants, (9 added)	23
Baptisms,	2
Marriages,	3

Funerals, - - - 2

It is, with pleasure, the Rector adds, that the prospect of this part of our Zion begins to brighten. She is here evidently arising from the dust, leaning on the bosom of her Beloved.

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

THE REV. SIMON WILMER, *Rector.*

Families, supposed to be about	- -	150
Communicants,	8 deceased, 10 removed, 4 added, 1 suspended, - -	144
Baptisms,	adults, 3, children, 25	28
Marriages,	- - -	8

The Rector reports also, that, although the people attend Church as usual, lukewarmness still prevails.

St. John's Church, Salem.

THE REV. DANIEL HIGBEE, *Minister.*

Families, about - - -	25
Communicants, - - -	5
Baptisms, - - - - -	1
Funerals, - - - -	3

This congregation is uniform in its attendance on the service of the sanctuary; but it manifests no apparent increase in zeal and evangelical piety.

St. George's Church, Penn's Neck.

THE REV. DANIEL HIGBEE, *Minister.*

Families, between - -	25 and 30
Communicants, - - -	24
Baptisms, -	4
Funerals, - -	2

This congregation appears at present in rather a declining state. There is not that devout and uniform attendance on Divine Service, which was so apparent in this Church, in years past.

St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

THE REV. DANIEL HIGBEE, *Minister.*

Families, about - -	45 or 50

Communicants,	3
Baptisms,	1
Funerals,	4

There is no apparent change in this Congregation. They still manifest a desire to support the institutions and order of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

THE REV. JAMES MONTGOMERY, *Deacon, and Rector Elect.*

Having been but recently settled in this Church, I have not the information necessary to enable me to furnish a particular account of its state. It is presumed that the number of communicants remain as heretofore reported.

I would beg leave to say in general, that I have been highly gratified by the regular and general attendance of the congregation upon divine worship, by the apparent devotion and interest with which they unite in the service, by the anxiety and zeal which seem to have been excited in relation both to the temporal and spiritual interests of the congregation, and by the warm attachment which has been manifested, to the distinctive principles and worship of our Apostolic Church.

It is trusted, that the pleasing hopes, which these appearances are calculated to inspire, will, through the divine blessing, be fully realized.

JAS. MONTGOMERY.

St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill.

VACANT.

The Vestry report, that the state of the Church is much the same, as it was the preceding year. The building however is now nearly finished. The Rev. Mr. Samuel Stratton has agreed to officiate, once in four weeks, for a few months.

Baptisms,	1
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	5

St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.

VACANT.

Families,	12

Communicants, - - -	16
Baptisms, children, - - -	4
Deaths, - - - -	0

St. James' Church, Knowlton.

VACANT.

Families, about - -	50
Communicants, - - -	21
Baptisms, - - -	34

Christ-Church Newton.

VACANT.

Families, about - -	30
Baptisms, - - -	2

Joshua M. Wallace, Esq. proposed the following amendment to the *third* article of the Constitution of the Church, in this Diocess, for the consideration of the Convention; to be inserted immediately after the words *ex officio.*

Clergymen, who have formerly been Rectors in this Diocess, but, having resigned their charges, remain in it, or return to it, after a period of absence, may also become, and shall be thereafter considered as members of this Convention in full standing; provided all the instituted Rectors present, and all the congregations represented, at the meeting when any such Clergyman shall be proposed, give their voices in favour of it.

Mr. Enoch Aggings, a deputy from St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill, appeared, produced the certificate of his appointment, and took his seat. Mr. Charles Higbee asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met.

Capt. Daniel Snowhill asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion resolved, that the Rev. Mr Boyd of the Diocess of Pennsylvania, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the Clergy were called upon for their reports of services, rendered, as missionaries, to vacant churches.

In compliance with which, the Rev. L. P. Bayard reported, that he had, in the course of the last year, visited a congregation of Episcopalians in the village of Paterson, on two occasions; at his last visit the congregation was so organized, as to be entitled to a representation in the Convention, under the amendment of the 4th article of the Constitution, adopted at the last sitting of that body.

He farther reported, that he had made two visits to the churches in Sussex, one, in May last, when he officiated once, in the congregation of Christ Church, Newton, and once, in the town of Hope. The other, in the month of July last, on an invitation from the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, an account of which has been given by the Bishop in his address to the Convention.

He has, in addition to the above, performed Divine Service and preached five times at Orange, where the zeal of Episcopalians is very great, and will probably soon lead them to build a church, and organize a congregation.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer reported, that he had occasionally visited the churches assigned him by the Convention.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. reported, that he had officiated at St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, on the Friday of every fifth week, for the last nine months, and that he intends soon to officiate there on a Sunday.

The Rev. John C. Rudd reported, that he had performed Divine Service, and preached twice, on Sundays, in Trinity Church, Woodbridge.

On motion, the Clergy were requested to make report of monies collected for the Missionary Fund, on which,

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes reported, that one collection had been made, in Christ Church, New-Brunswick, amounting to	$ 24 50
That one collection had been made, at St. James' Church, Knowlton, when he visited that Church, amounting to	8 01
Total	$ 32 51
The Rev. John C. Rudd reported, that there had been one collection, in St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, amounting to	30 10
The Rev. Simon Wilmer reported, that he had collected, in Trinity Church, Swedesborough,	10 1[illegible]

The Rev. Dr. Wharton reported, that one collection had been made, in St. Mary's Church, in Burlington, amounting to $ 16 23

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that one collection had been made, in St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, amounting to 6 75

The Rev. L. P. Bayard reported, that the Newark Church Missionary Society had paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, 50 75

That the Paterson Church Missionary Society had paid the treasurer, 26 87½

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Missionary, reported, that he had made the following collections for the Missionary fund.

1817.

June 22.	In St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill,	2 50
	In St. Peter's do. Berkeley,	4 90
July 6.	In St. Stephen's, do. Mullica's Hill,	1 40
13.	In St. Peter's do. Berkeley,	1 38½
27.	In St. Peter's, do. Spotswood,	5

Amount, $ 15 18½

On motion, resolved, that the Bishop be requested to make such selections from the Journal of the last General Convention, and from the Journals of the preceding Conventions, as he may think proper, to be published with the Journal of this Convention. ☞ *See Appendix, No. III.*

The Rev. Mr. Rudd called up his proposition of an additional article to the Constitution of the Church in this Diocess, which was moved at the last Convention, in Amboy, and is in these words; that the manuscript Journals, and all other papers of the Convention shall be deposited with the Bishop, and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Chair, with the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being. So much of the 8th article of the Constitution, as relates to the papers of the Convention, being deposited with the Treasurer, is hereby rescinded; which was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd called up his proposition, made at the last Convention, to rescind the 12th article of the Constitution, which proposition, was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Convention went into the appointment of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Con-

vention. For the Standing Committee, the following persons were appointed—

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Joshua M. Wallace, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Rudd,	William Coxe, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Croes, Jun.	Robert Boggs, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Bayard,	James Parker, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention;

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Joshua M. Wallace, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Rudd,	Joseph Higbee, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Wilmer,	William Coxe, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Bayard,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

Mr. Beagary and Mr. Phillips asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, August 21st, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Rudd.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday, were then read.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, who had been unavoidably delayed, in his passage to the Convention, appeared, and took his seat.

Mr. Nugent asked and obtained leave of absence, for Mr. Aggings, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Moses Bloomfield Wall, a Deputy from St. Peter's Church, Freehold, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, resolved, that it be recommended to the several congregations, to take as early measures as may be, for the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, resolved, that the Convention borrow of the Missionary Fund, the amount of $ 150, to be paid to the order of the Bishop, for the purpose of defraying his expenses, incurred in the discharge of his Episcopal duties; which sum shall be hereafter refunded, from the collections made for the Episcopal Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer stated to the Convention, that the congregation of Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough, had presented to the Bishop, the sum of thirty dollars, for defraying his expenses, in his Episcopal visitation to that Church.

Wm. P. Deare, Esq. the Treasurer of the Convention, not being able to attend, transmitted a statement of his accounts, which was read; and, on motion, a Committee of three persons, namely, the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and William Coxe and Joseph Marsh, Esquires, was appointed to examine it, and make report thereon.

On motion of the Secretary, resolved, that 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed; and that 400 copies be distributed, in the same proportion, as the Journal of last year; the remaining 100 copies, at the discretion of the Bishop.

The Secretary laid before the Convention, a communication, which he had received, from the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Secretaries of the late General Convention; notifying, that it was proposed to alter the first article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, so far as it fixes the time of meeting, by expunging the words "third Tuesday in May," and inserting instead thereof, "the first Tuesday in October."

On motion, resolved, that the consideration of this proposition, be postponed to the next meeting of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, in behalf of the Committee, appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, made the following report:

The Committee, appointed to examine the account of William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, report, that they find the same correctly stated.

JOHN C. RUDD,
WILLIAM COXE,
JOSEPH MARSH,

Burlington, August 21, 1817.

On motion, the foregoing report was accepted, and ordered to be entered, together with the statement of the Treasurer, on the Journal. ☞ *See Appendix, No. II.*

It was moved, and carried, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D.D.
Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

ATTESTED,—J. CHAPMAN, *Secretary.*

☞ The next annual Convention, will be held, at New-Brunswick, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1818.

*** *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B. C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, for the year, commencing August 29, 1816.

Perth-Amboy, August 29, 1816.

The members of the Standing Committee met, immediately after their appointment.

PRESENT,

The Rev. Dr. Wharton, J. Parker, Esq.
Mr. Rudd, R. Boggs, Esq.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Croes,

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was chosen President, and the Rev. Mr. Rudd, Secretary.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse made application for the Testimonial, required by the 12th Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Priests' Orders. The certificates, exhibited by Mr. Morehouse, appearing satisfactory to the Committee, it was resolved, that the requisite Testimonial be granted.

The Committee adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President.*

November 21, 1816.

The Committee met, at New-Brunswick, pursuant to notice from the President.

PRESENT,

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, Isaac Lawrence, Esq.
Chapman, James Parker, Esq.
Croes, Robert Boggs, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd was chosen President, pro tem.

Mr. Francis H. Cuming made application, through the Rev. Mr. Rudd, for the Certificate required by the 7th Canon of the General Convention, previous to his being admitted, as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The testimonials, laid before the Committee, appearing satisfactory, it was unanimously resolved, to grant Mr. Cuming the Certificate.

Adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President, pro tem.*

May 23, 1817.

The following members of the Committee met, this day, in pursuance of notice from the President:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton, *Pres't.* Isaac Lawrence, Esq.
J. C. Rudd, J. M. Wallace, Esq.
J. Chapman,

Mr. Samuel C. Stratton made application for the Testimonial, required by the 12th Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Deacons' Orders.

The certificates laid before the Committee, in favour of Mr. Stratton, having been read, and declared satisfactory, the Committee granted him the Testimonial.

Adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, their Treasurer, *Dr.*

1816.		*Dolls.*	*Cents.*
Aug 30,	To cash paid Bishop Croes, - - -	100	00
Sept. 30,	To cash paid Deare & Myer, for printing the Journal of the Convention, for the year 1816, -	30	00
Oct. 21,	To cash loaned, - - - - -	60	00
	To cash paid for a blank book, for the purpose of recording the acts of the Episcopate of New-Jersey,	2	00
	To Mr. Bayard's account, for visiting the Churches in Sussex, in September, 1816, and May and July, in 1817, - - - - - -	36	00
	To Mr. Chapman's account, for blank books furnished, for collecting subscriptions for the Bishop's		
1817.	Fund, - - - - - -	1	50
Aug. 21,	To Balance of cash in the Treasury, - -	561	68
		$791	18

Examined and approved, August 21, 1817.

JOHN C. RUDD,
WILLIAM COXE,
JOSEPH MARSH,
} *Committee.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, their Treasurer, ***Cr.***

1816.			Dolls.	Cents.
August,	By cash received of John Croes, late Treasurer, the balance in his hands, - - - -		195	50
	By bonds and notes delivered by him, viz.			
	No. 1,	$400		
	3,	200		
	4,	150		
	5,	165		
	7,	150		
	9,	100		
	10,	175		
	11,	200		
	13,	150		
	14,	500		
	15,	200		
Sept.	By interest on bond No. XI. one year, - -		14	00
1817.				
July 5,	By a collection from St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy, -		6	75
22,	By principal and interest, No. XI. - - -		216	00
Aug. 4.	By interest on No. I. one year, - - -		28	00
	By do. No. VII. do. - - -		10	50
	By do. No. IX. do. - - -		7	00
13,	By do. No. XIII. do. - - -		10	50
15,	By do. No. IV. do. - - -		10	50
16,	By do. No. XV. do. - - -		14	00
	By do. No. X. do. - - -		12	25
	By principal and interest of cash loaned Oct. 21, 1816,		63	43
18,	By a collection from Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,		24	50
	By interest on bond No. III. one year, - -		14	00
	By a collection from St. James's Church, Knowlton,		8	01
20,	By do. St. John's, Elizabeth-Town, -		30	10
	By do. Paterson Church, - -		28	87 1-2
	By do. Shrewsbury and Middletown,		7	00
	By do. St. Mary's, Burlington, -		16	23
	By do. St. Stephen's, Mullica's Hill,		2	50
	By do. St. Peter's Church, Berkeley,		4	90
	By do. St. Stephen's, Mullica's Hill,		1	40
	By do. St. Peter's, Berkeley, - -		1	38 1-2
	By do. St. Peter's, Spotswood, -		5	00
	By do. Trinity Church, Swedesborough,		10	10
	By do. Trinity Church, Newark, -		50	75
		$	791	18
	By balance brought from the debtor side, -	$	561	68

To which balance, if there be added $2390, the money at interest, exclusive of some interest not paid, the Missionary Fund will be $2951 68. ERRORS EXCEPTED.

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

August 21, 1817.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, held, in the City of New-York, from the 20th to the 27th day of May inclusive, A. D. 1817.

From the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th Canon, have taken a general view of the state of the Church, and offer to the House of Bishops, the result of their inquiries, respectfully requesting that venerable body to draw up, and cause to be published, a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

EASTERN DIOCESS.

New-Hampshire.

Since the last General Convention, the Church in this state has greatly increased. An Episcopal congregation has been formed in the town of Concord, the seat of the state legislature; and Episcopal service is regularly performed there on Sundays by a clergyman or a lay reader. We trust that they will soon be able to erect a building for public worship. A new Church has been established at Bradford, and another at Hopkinton. An Episcopal Church has also been incorporated at Drewsville, which is a part of Walpole, and they annually derive a hundred and thirty dollars from their Church lands. St. John's Church, at Portsmouth contains more than seventy families, and has about seventy communicants. The Church at Cornish is without a clergyman, but divine service is generally performed on Sundays by a lay reader. Union Church at Claremont, and Trinity Church at Holderness, we trust, continue to improve under the labours of their respective ministers. The necessity of the encouragement of Missionary Societies will appear, when it is suggested, that five of the few Churches in this sate want either the ability or the opportunity to provide themselves with pastors. We feel much pleasure in stating, that the aid and visitations of the Right Rev. Bishop of the Eastern Diocess have been, through the great goodness of the Divine Head of the Church, an essential blessing to the churches of this state.

Massachusetts.

In this state we are gratified to observe an increase of Churches, and a growing attention to our doctrine and discipline. With but few exceptions, the congregations are regularly supplied, and a zeal is manifested among those who are not favoured with stated ministrations, to contribute as much as is in their power, to obtain this desirable object. From the formation of Societies for the distribution of Prayer Books and Episcopal Tracts, much good has resulted. And, it is presumed, at no former time have such efforts been made for the increasing prospects of the Church—nor have any been crowned with greater success.

Vermont.

The aspect of the Church in this state is much more pleasing than it was at the time of the sitting of the last General Convention. The question in regard to the Church lands remains yet undecided; but, it is thought, it is in a way soon to be

decided in favour of the Church. There are at present two clergymen only who officiate in this state. The Rev. Mr. Brunson officiates at Arlington and Manchester; his congregations are large and respectable. "Mr. Beach," says Bishop Griswold, "is now officiating at Fairfield, St. Albans, and Sheldon, in Vermont; and of his success we have the most pleasing intelligence. A very considerable number of communicants have already been added to those Churches. Large congregations attend his preaching—a spirit of religious inquiry and an awakened concern for the one thing needful, extensively prevails in those parts of the state where he labours; and cheering are the prospects of still greater increase, both in members and piety. At Fairfield they are erecting a house for the worship of God, and already is the pious work in great forwardness. Indeed, the number of churches which are now building, or will probably soon be commenced, is one of the best proofs of the increasing zeal amongst our people, for the service of God, and the support of his holy worship." At Bellows' Falls, also at Windsor and Middlebury, are churches now erecting. All that is wanting for the rapid growth of the Church in Vermont, is a number of zealous clergymen. O that the Lord of all would send more labourers into his harvest!

Rhode-Island.

The Church in Rhode Island, through the Divine blessing, is in a flourishing condition. Since the last General Convention, a new congregation has been formed in the village of Pawtucket, and a neat and spacious church edifice nearly completed. The other churches of this state are also prosperous. It has pleased the Lord to awaken many to righteousness; so that large additions have been made to our communion, and our congregations considerably increased. Much good is expected to result from Societies which have been instituted for the distribution of the Book of Common Prayer and religious Tracts.

EASTERN DIOCESS—*generally.*

Since the last Convention, there have been admitted to the order of Deacons, Silas S. Safford (since deceased), Walter Cranston, John L. Blake, Stephen Beach, Thomas Carlile, Chever Felche, George S. White, Joseph R. Andrus, George T. Chapman, Gideon W. Olney, Jonathan M. Wainwright, George Leonard, and Benjamin B. Smith; and Titus Strong, John L. Blake, Thomas Carlile, George S. White, and Joseph R. Andrus, Deacons, have been ordained Priests. The Rev. Titus Strong has been instituted Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield; and the Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in Salem. Six hundred and seventy-five persons have been confirmed. There are fourteen candidates for Holy Orders.

In May, of 1815, Bishop Griswold, being invited according to the directions of the 20th Canon, visited some of the churches in Connecticut, confirmed 131 persons, and admitted Ezekiel G. Gear and Reuben Sherwood to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, Alpheus Gear, Harry Croswell, and Aaron Humphrey, Deacons, to that of Priests.

Connecticut.

In the Diocess of Connecticut the prospects of the Church are in a high degree flattering. A rapid increase of numbers—a growing zeal—and a proportionate measure of industry and liberality, on the part of both the Clergy and Laity, are among the circumstances on which we calculate, through the blessing of God, for raising the Church from its late depressed state, and for ensuring its lasting prosperity. From the journals of the Diocesan Conventions, it appears that there has been a considerable accession of members to our communion since the last report: and as the balance of emigration is against the Diocess, it is evident that these additions have been principally drawn from other denominations: and that the liberality of our people has been proportionate to this increase, is manifest from the great number of edifices which have been erected for the celebration of the ordinances and worship of our Church—and from the munificence displayed in the construction of these edifices. Trinity Church, in New-Haven, which was consecrated in February, 1816, is surpassed by very few, if any, in the Union, for size,

convenience, or simple elegance. The Church in this Diocess has laboured under very serious inconvenience, since the death of its late lamented Diocesan, Bishop Jarvis, by being in a great measure deprived of the benefit of Episcopal visitations. This inconvenience, however, is now in a considerable degree remedied, by an arrangement with the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New-York, who has been regularly invited by the Convention of the state, under the 20th Canon of the General Convention, to take temporary charge of the Diocess; and has accordingly done so.

Under this arrangement, Bishop Hobart has visited a part of the Diocess—consecrated several churches—and administered the right of confirmation to about 1600 persons. Still, however, the want of a resident Diocesan is much felt; and we confidently hope that the time is not far distant, when the fund for the support of a Bishop, amounting already to little less than 15,000 dollars, will be sufficient to supply this necessity, and to meet the wishes, and fulfil the most sanguine expectations of the friends of the Church throughout the Diocess.

New-York.

We have reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church, for the degree of prosperity with which he has blessed that portion of it which forms the Diocess of New-York. Fidelity in the Clergy, and an encouraging spirit of zeal and devotion in the Laity, very generally prevail. And this fidelity, zeal and devotion, are marked with a scrupulous adherence to the Canons, Rubrics, and edifying usages of our excellent Church. The sufficiency of her provisions to secure the influence and happy consequences of evangelical piety, has been, in some instances, most eminently displayed. In illustration of this remark, we refer to the following extract from the address of the Bishop of this Diocess to the Convention of 1816.

"In St. Paul's Church, Troy, 78 received confirmation, principally young persons; many of whom, at the first opportunity, came to the communion. I deem it of importance to state, that in this congregation, during a season of unusual religious excitement, its Rector did not find it necessary to deviate, in any degree, from the forms of our Church; but by more frequency in the use of them, and by greater assiduity in his parochial duties and instructions, he was happily instrumental in increasing the piety of his flock."

Since the period embraced in the last report, twenty-nine persons have been admitted by the Right Rev Bishop Hobart, to the holy order of Deacons, viz.—William B. Lacey, Harry Croswell (since removed to Connecticut), John Brown, William Creighton, George Boyd (since removed to Pennsylvania), Alpheus Gear, of Connecticut, Eli Wheeler, of Connecticut (since settled in this Diocess), Alanson W. Welton, of Connecticut (since settled in this Diocess), George Y. Morehouse, of New-Jersey, at Perth-Amboy, New-Jersey, where, previously to the election of a Bishop in that Diocess, Bishop Hobart was invited to hold an ordination, by the standing committee of the same; Gregory T. Bedell, William Hawley (since removed to the city of Washington), William H. Hart (since removed to Virginia), Abiel Carter (since removed to Pennsylvania), William J. Bulkley, of Connecticut, Charles W Hamilton, Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre (from the Protestant Church of Luzerne, in Switzerland), Henry U. Onderdonk, Thomas C. Brownell, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, Ravaud Kearney, Petrus S. Ten Broeck, George Weller, James F. Hull, of New-Orleans, Samuel Johnston, Joshua M. Rogers, Hugh Smith, Henry Anthon, Richard F. Cadle, Nathaniel Bruce, M. D. and Charles Smith, of Connecticut.

Twenty Deacons have been admitted to the holy order of Priests, viz. the Rev. James Thompson, the Rev. David Huntington, the Rev. Eli Wheeler, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of New-Jersey, at Newark, (N. J.) where Bishop Hobart was invited prior to the election of a Bishop in that state, by the standing committee of the same, to hold an ordination: the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, the Rev. John Brown, the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw (since removed to Maryland), the Rev. James F. Hull, of New-Orleans, the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, the Rev. Walter Cranston, of Georgia, at New-Haven, in Connecticut, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, of Connecticut, at Norwalk, in that Diocess, in which Diocess Bish pHobart had been invited by the Conven-

tion of the same, agreeably to the 20th Canon of the General Convention, to perform Episcopal offices; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, the Rev. William Creighton, the Rev. Ravaud Kearney, the Rev Petrus S. Ten Broeck, and the Rev. George Weller.

Since the last General Convention, the following institutions have taken place in this Diocess: of the Rev. John M'Vickar to the Rectorship of St. James's Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; of the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, to that of St. Stephen's Church, New-York; of the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, to that of St. James's Church, New-York; of the Rev. Charles Seabury, to that of Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Long-Island; of the Rev. Eli Wheeler, to that of St. John's Church, Johnstown; of the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, (since removed to Maryland,) to that of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long-Island; of the Rev. Parker Adams, to that of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; of the Rev. Joseph Prentice, to that of St. Luke's Church, Cattskill, Greene county; of the Rev. David Moore, to that of St. Andrew's Church, Staten-Island; of the Rev. James Milnor, to that of St. George's Church, New-York; of the Rev. William Creighton, to that of St. Mark's Church, New-York; of the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, to that of the French Church, Du St. Esprit, New-York—where the services of our Church are celebrated in the French language.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. has been appointed Rector; the Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D. Assistant Rector; and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister, of Trinity Church, New-York. The Rev. Evan M. Johnson has been settled as Minister of St. James's Church, Newton, Long-Island; the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county; the Rev. John Brown, of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; the Rev. William Powell, of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West-Chester county; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, of ——— Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; the Rev. Ravaud Kearney, of St. Paul's Church, East-Chester, West-Chester county; The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, of Trinity Church, Fishkill, and St. Phillip's Church, Phillipstown, Dutchess county, and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, Putnam County; and the Rev. Daniel Mc' Donald, of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The following clergymen are at present employed as Missionaries in this state, by, and under the direction of, the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocess: the Rev. Daniel Nash, the Rev. Samuel Fuller, the Rev. William A. Clark, the Rev. James Thompson, the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Rev. Russel Wheeler, the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, the Rev. Orin Clark, the Rev. Stephen Jewett, the Rev. Professor Thomas C. Brownell (who performs missionary services on Sundays in destitute congregations in the vicinity of Union College;) the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, the Rev. George Weller, the Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Deacon, and the Rev. Charles Seabury. And here it may be proper to mention that, from the Missionary Fund in this Diocess, a salary is also given to Mr. Eleazar Williams, a young man of Indian extraction, who resides with the Onelda tribe in this state, and performs the very useful offices of lay reader, catechist, and school-master among his Indian brethren. His religious exercises are the services of our Church, and approved sermons, both translated into the Mohawk language. His labours have been very faithful, and promise great success.

The Church in this Diocess has experienced incalculable advantage from the faithful labours of Missionaries. Some of the best established parishes, now affording competent support to their pastors, owe their existence, under God, to these labours. They have preserved the services of the sanctuary where, from a variety of opposing causes, there was danger of their loss. They have revived them in churches long vacated; and they are now carrying their consolations and their benefits to the remotest parts of the Diocess. As their happy consequence, sacred edifices, commodious, neat, not unfrequently elegant, are fast beautifying tracts of our state, which, but lately, were an entire wilderness.

Among the changes that have taken place in this Diocess since the last General Convention, we have to notice the decease of the Right Rev. Samuel Provoost,

D. D. the Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. and the Rev. Elias Cooper, the late pious and useful Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers, and the oldest Presbyter in the Diocess.

The Confirmations reported by the Bishop in 1814, were 800; in 1815—400; in 1816—1000. Total, 2200. For the administration of this ordinance, and for the discharge of other Episcopal duties, the Bishop regularly and frequently visits every parish in this extensive Diocess

Since the last report, the following parishes have been duly organized in this Diocess, and received into union with the Convention: St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county; Trinity Church, Coventry, Chenango county; St. Paul's Church, Preble and Tully, Courtlandt county; Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county; St. Andrew's Church, Genoa, Cayuga county; Zion Church, Onondago, Onondago county; St. Stephen's Church, Smithfield, Madison county; and St. Paul's Church, Durham, Greene county.

The following churches have been consecrated by the Bishop: St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county; Trinity Church, Athens, Greene county; Christ Church, Manlius, Onondago county; Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county; St. George's Church, New-York, (re-built after destruction by fire;) St James's Church, North-Salem, West-Chester county; Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county; St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The whole number of organized congregations in the Diocess amounts to 115, and the number of clergy to 68.

A short time previous to the last General Convention, St. George's Church, in the city of New-York, was destroyed by fire. Since that period, our brethren in that city have been again visited with the same calamity. Zion Church, belonging to a small, but respectable congregation, who, a few years since, conformed to our communion, and have uniformly evinced their strong attachment to our doctrines and worship, has been burnt. This unhappy circumstance so deranged the affairs of the parish, as to render necessary the removal of the worthy Rector, the Rev. Ralph Williston, whose useful services are now transferred to another Diocess. The re-building of this Church has progressed only in part.

It is matter of sincere felicitation to the members of our Church in this Diocess, that although peculiar circumstances have, in some measure, threatened her temporal prosperity, her members have not suffered it to decline, but have made efforts proportioned to the emergency. This has been particularly manifested in many country parishes, where unprecedented exertions have been made in building and repairing places of public worship, and meeting other parochial expenses.

Not least among the means that have been blessed to the good of the Church in this Diocess, are the voluntary associations formed by her members for the promotion of pious objects. The number of Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies has considerably increased. One established in the city of New-York by young men of our Church, as auxiliary to that which was instituted in 1809, has set an unprecedented example of activity and zeal in the diffusion of religious truth. The young men of the same city have also lately distinguished themselves by forming another association, promising the most beneficial consequences. Its object is to raise funds for the support of Missionaries employed by the Bishop, and the Committee for propagating the Gospel, (appointed by the Convention,) with whom is lodged the only authority to manage the missionary concerns of the Diocess.

To conclude: although it must be confessed that much still remains to be done in this Diocess, yet, thankful for the prosperity it has heretofore enjoyed, we cherish the humble hope, that the vigilant superintendence with which it is blessed, the fidelity of its pastors, and the zeal, devotion, and liberality of its members, will be sanctified to its further increase, and its instrumentality in promoting the glory of God, and the salvation of men.

New-Jersey.

The state of the Church in this Diocess, through the goodness of God, continues, on the whole, to improve. Its progress is not rapid, but steady and substantial.

The churches at Newark, Elizabeth-Town, Perth-Amboy, New-Brunswick, and Burlington, remain under the care of the Pastors who had the charge of them when the last report was made. They are flourishing, both in their temporal and spiritual concerns; and afford every reason for the conclusion that, with the Divine blessing, they will continue so. Within the last three years, the congregation at Perth-Amboy have erected a convenient and handsome house for the accommodation of their Rector. The same valuable object is in progress at Elizabeth-Town.

Of the churches at Shrewsbury, Middletown, and Freehold, united under the pastoral care of the clergyman formerly reported, the first named has considerably increased both in number of families and communicants. The congregation has alo repaired and painted its handsome church. The other two congregations remain as before stated.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, has also much increased. Formerly it enjoyed only part of the services of a clergyman; but, within the last two years, it has been able to give entire support to one. The Rev. George Y. Morehouse is now the Rector of that Church.

St. John's Church at Salem, vacant for more than forty years, with the exception of a few months in 1792 and 1793, has within a short time, revived, and considerably improved. It now enjoys, in conjunction with St. George's, Penns-Neck, which had also, for a long time been vacant, and St. Mary's, Colestown, lately much increased, the ministrations of the Pastor formerly of St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly.

The respectable Church at Swedesborough, though still large, has, since the last report, from some cause not accurately known, experienced a considerable diminution in the number of its communicants. The Rector formerly named has still the charge of it.

The churches at Jersey, Berkeley, Mullica's Hill, Glassborough, Woodbridge, Trenton, Spotswood, Newton, Knowlton, Hardwick, Piscataway, Alexandria, Amwell, Allentown, and Chew's Landing, still remain vacant. The first five have the benefit of divine service, performed by licensed candidates and other laymen: and the whole occasionally enjoy the ministrations of the Bishop and the neighbouring Rectors. The difficulty, for some time past, of procuring a suitable clergyman to act as a Missionary, has occasioned the state of the vacant churches generally, to be less favourable than it would otherwise have been. That difficulty will, no doubt, shortly be removed, as means are in progress for obtaining one.

There is a prospect, also, that a new church will shortly be instituted at the manufacturing town of Paterson.

The Bishop of the Diocess, since his consecration in November, 1815, has visited the churches at Newark, Elizabeth-Town, Shrewsbury, Spotswood, Mount-Holly, Swedesborough, Salem, Berkeley, Mullica's Hill, and Glassborough, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation in those of them which follow: viz. at Swedesborough, Mount-Holly, Elizabeth-Town, Shrewsbury, New-Brunswick, and Newark. The number confirmed in these churches was 198.

He also admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. George Y. Morehouse, who, shortly after, was instituted Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Mount-Holly.

Samuel C. Stratton and Francis H. Cuming have been admitted candidates for holy orders since the last General Convention. Within the same time, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard has been ordained Priest, and instituted Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.

It is with pleasure likewise stated, that the Missionary Fund, which, on the former report, was $2307 42, has, by a report made in August last to the State Convention, increased to $2611 4.

The Fund for the support of the Widows and Children of Clergymen has also considerably increased.

The Permanent Fund of the Episcopal Society has advanced from $156, the sum stated in the former report, to $475. The Society has also distributed a considerable number of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts.

It is further stated, and with great satisfaction, that the females of the churches of Newark and Elizabeth-Town, have established Bible and Prayer Book Societies, auxiliary to the Episcopal Society.

A Missionary Society has also been instituted in Trinity Church, Newark, in aid of the General Fund.

Sunday Schools have likewise been established in several congregations, principally by ladies, which promise much good.

Since the last Convention, the number of officiating clergymen has increased from 8 to 9, and the instituted rectors from 6 to 8.

On an examination of the progress of the Church in this Diocess, since the termination of the revolutionary war, in 1783, it is found that it has increased by the addition of Trinity Church, Swedesborough; St. George's Church, Penn's-Neck; St. John's Church, Chew's Landing; St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough; St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey; and St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill.

Pennsylvania.

The Church in this Diocess has always been small, and principally limited to the city of Philadelphia and its immediate neighbourhood. We have, however, satisfactory evidence, that it is increasing in numbers, strength and zeal, and, we trust, in piety.

Prayer Books, and many valuable Tracts, have been distributed by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in this state This Society has likewise, by means of its Missionaries, supplied several vacant congregations with occasional services, and formed new congregations in the north west part of the Diocess.

Since the last General Convention, two churches have been consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. The communicants of some congregations have greatly increased, and a growing attention to the best interests of the soul is evidently perceptible.

During last year a new Society was formed in this Diocess, for the express purpose of sending Missionaries into the western states. Under its direction, a young clergyman has visited, with success, many parts of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The most gratifying intelligence from this Diocess, is, that a very considerable number of young men have directed their attention to the Gospel ministry. There are, at present, twelve candidates for holy orders.

During the years 1814, 1815, and 1816, 487 persons have been confirmed.

Since the last General Convention, the following persons have received Deacon's orders: James Milnor, Samuel Phinney, George Sheets, Jacob Morgan Douglass, James Montgomery, Thomas P. May, Charles M. Dupuy, and Joseph R. Walker.

During the same period, the following have received Priest's orders: Rev. James Milnor, Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. Abiel Carter, and Rev. Samuel Phinney.

The members of this Diocess have been zealous in distributing the Bible.

Delaware.

This Diocess was once an important portion of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In this small state there are the remains of eleven congregations, which, at no very distant period, were all supplied with the ministrations of the Divine Word by clergymen of our Church. Owing, however, to causes of which we can now have but a very indistinct view, and which probably cannot, by any, be correctly traced, this Diocess presents a most deplorable picture of departure from its first love. There are but two of the congregations in this Diocess that are regularly supplied by ministers of our Church. From the year 1810 till 1816 there was no regular Convention held. In the last mentioned year, a Convention was called, at which some regulations were entered into, which, should they be carried into effect, it is hoped, and with some confidence expected, that, through the Divine blessing, the situation of the Church in this state will be greatly meliorated. Distressing as is the condition of the Church in this Diocess, still there is every reason to believe that her prospects are brighter than they have been for many years. Among some things which induce this belief may be reckoned this pleas-

ing circumstance, that, within the last eighteen months, there have been admitted, as candidates for holy orders, of this state, four young men of piety and talents, of whom the most encouraging hopes are entertained. Another circumstance in the present prospects of our Church here, and which seems to offer the most effectual means of her restoration, is the establishment of an Episcopal Missionary Society in Wilmington. If the zeal of our members can be excited so as to afford sufficient pecuniary aid to this institution, we expect, both from the benefits which have already resulted from missionary exertions in one Church, and from the peculiar state of feeling on this subject in this Diocess, that, through God's grace, the Church may be raised to a degree of strength and respectability exceeding the most sanguine expectations of past years. In Wilmington efforts have been making to raise a spacious building for the service of God; but there are so many difficulties in the way of their success, and so few to contend with them, that some fear is entertained as to the final accomplishment of the object.

Maryland.

The members of the Church in this Diocess appear to be increasing in piety and zeal. New churches have been erected, the number of communicants has increased, greater regard is had to the discipline and form of worship of the Church, and more anxiety is discovered to keep in decent repair the houses of worship, and to provide for the comfortable support of the ministry; yet, in many parts of the Diocess, the Church is still in a low and depressed state, and its members are deprived of the ministrations of the sanctuary. If pious and zealous clergymen could be procured, there is every reason to believe that, in these parishes, the Church would flourish, and religion would prosper. Some societies have been formed for the distribution of religious Tracts; and, at the last meeting of the Convention, steps were taken to raise a fund for the support of Missionaries, and the education of young men for the ministry.

In the Convention of 1814 a Suffragan Bishop was appointed in this Diocess, and its venerable Bishop, (who has since, after a long life of piety and usefulness, been called away to receive the reward of his labours,) commissioned him to perform all Episcopal duties on the Eastern Shore of this state. Part of the Diocess was shortly after visited by Bishop Kemp, and the rite of Confirmation administered by him to about 330 persons before the meeting of the last Convention. The ill health of Bishop Claggett for some years before his death, prevented him from attending some of the Conventions, and communicating the Episcopal duties performed by him.

Virginia.

The Church here has risen from that gloom and depression which caused her friends to mourn and weep. She now is in a prosperous state. A spirit of true religion is reviving in almost every part of the Diocess; and a sincere attachment to the pure doctrine and worship of our Church is increasing among her members. In Fredericksburgh a large church has been erected and consecrated. In Leesburgh a church has been built and consecrated. In several parishes, churches that were in a ruinous state have been repaired. In Warrenton a handsome church is building, and will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. In Charlestown a spacious church is building, and will be finished in the course of the present year. In Port-Royal an adequate sum of money has been subscribed for building a church there. A sufficient sum of money has been subscribed for erecting a church in Lunenburgh.

In the city of Richmond there are two numerous and very respectable congregations. In Norfolk there is a large and respectable congregation. In Petersburgh the Church is more prosperous than formerly. In Alexandria there are two large and very respectable congregations. A Prayer Book and Tract Society has been established here. By the blessing of Almighty God, our worthy and zealous Bishop has been instrumental in conducing much to the prosperity of our Zion, wherever he has visited in his Diocess.

North-Carolina.

There is a well grounded hope, that the Church in this Diocess (now first received into union with the General Convention) will increase in strength (with

divine aid) so as in a few years to be able to dispense the Word of God to a large number of souls that are now scattered over a wide tract of country, a great part of whom are almost strangers to the sound of the Gospel.

There are at present but three churches in the state that are blessed with settled pastors, those at Fayetteville, Wilmington and Newbern.

At the first of these places the congregation has lately settled the Rev. Bethel Judd, from the Diocess of Connecticut.

At Wilmington there is a church of considerable size, and generally well attended. The congregation have evinced by their attention to the Church, a strong and ardent wish for its prosperity. They have at present the Rev. Adam Empie, from the Diocess of New-York, for their pastor, who is much beloved by the congregation.

At Newbern the church has lately undergone some alterations and repairs, and affords a very comfortable and decent house of worship. Since the first of last April, the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, from the Diocess of Pennsylvania, has been the pastor of this congregation, and he has had the satisfaction of having the church numerously and respectably attended. The number of communicants on last Easter Day exceeded thirty, and there is but little doubt that this church will increase, should the present minister continue his services amongst this people, who, for about twelve months before his arrival, were destitute of a pastor.

At Edenton there is a neat church, but unfortunately for the congregation, they have no minister, nor have they had one since the Rev. Mr. Hatch left them, about two years since.

The town of Washington, and its vicinity, has lately met with a loss in the death of the Rev. Mr. Blunt, who, for many years before his decease, was in the habit of making appointments in different parts of the county in which he resided, where he would preach, baptize children, and, at stated times, administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These families, not a few in number, are now entirely deprived of hearing the Word of God preached, and of having the bread of life broken to them by an Episcopal minister.

South-Carolina.

It is with peculiar satisfaction we report the increasing progress of the Church in this Diocess. It appears, that since the last meeting of the General Convention, some new congregations have been formed, and some new churches have been erected in this section of the Protestant Episcopal Communion; particularly a spacious and elegant church in the city of Charleston, a neat and handsome church on John's Island, a church in St. Mark's, and one in All-Saints' parish. In some other parts of this Diocess, funds have been raised, and exertions are making for rebuilding their places of public worship; and several have lately been completed, and the cemeteries enclosed.

It also appears that the Canons and Rules of the Church have here been observed; that the public offices of our holy religion have, with much uniformity, been performed according to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer; and that great harmony and love subsist between the Bishop and his Clergy, as well as among the Clergy themselves.

It furthermore appears that Mr. John Chandler, Mr. Henry Gibbs, Mr. David J. Campbell, and Mr. ——— Wilson, have been admitted by the Bishop as candidates for holy orders; that Mr. Morris H. Lance, Mr Thomas Frost, and Mr. Albert Muller, natives of this Diocess, have been received into the holy order of Deacons; and that the Rev. Christian Hanckel has been advanced to the holy order of Priests.

It appears, however, that there is yet cause to lament the ruinous state of many churches, and the want of clergymen in various parts of this Diocess. "The harvest is truly great, but the labourers are few" We have also to lament, that since the last meeting of this Convention, two clergymen, viz. the Rev. James Dewar Simons, and the Rev. Joseph Warren, have been removed by death.

The Society instituted for the *Advancement of Christianity* in this Diocess has been productive of much good, and its funds and influence are rapidly increasing. The baptisms and the communicants have greatly multiplied within the last year; and the public worship of Almighty God has not only been more generally and de-

voutly attended, but religious knowledge and practice seem to be progressive. The visitations of the Bishop have been frequent, and the sacred rite of Confirmation has been duly administered.

From the unremitted zeal and exertions of the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocess, there is reason to cherish the most flattering expectations, that the power as well as the form of religion, under the blessing of God, will continue to increase.

The Western States.

The most gratifying intelligence relative to our Church in this extensive part of the United States has been laid before this Convention. A respectable and flourishing congregation in the city of Lexington, state of Kentucky, has for several years been blessed with the regular ministrations of our Church, and the care of an active and zealous pastor. In the state of Ohio, nineteen congregations have been regularly organized; and steps taken for constituting a Diocess. The measures adopted by this Convention, added to the zeal and attachment to the Church manifested by the scattered members of our communion in these states, and the disinterested labours of a few clergymen who have been among them, will, it is hoped, through the blessing of God, tend to their speedy enjoyment of Episcopal superintendence.

In laying the preceding statement before the House of Bishops, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit their counsel, and their prayers for the blessing of Almighty God.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President.*

New-York, May 28, 1817.

From the Journal of the House of Bishops.

A communication was received from the Secretary of a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of North-Carolina, containing a copy of the Journal of said Convention; from which it appeared that they had acceded to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and desired to be received into union with the General Convention thereof.

Whereupon, Resolved, that this Convention have received, with great satisfaction, the aforesaid communication, and recognize the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of North-Carolina as a member of this union.

The following communication was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Wharton:

"The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur with the House of Bishops, in admitting the Convention of the Church in North Carolina as a member of this union."

The following report, with documents accompanying, was made by the presiding Bishop, upon the subjects therein mentioned, which had been submitted to him by the Convention.

REPORT.

The subscriber, the presiding Bishop of this house, submits to his brethren a report, on two subjects committed to him by the General Convention of 1811, and recognized by that of 1814; and on another subject, which originated in the Convention last referred to.

One of the subjects was an application from the Church in the state of Vermont, to the Society (in England) for propagating the Gospel. It was committed to the subscriber, to certify to that venerable body, certain facts in favour of the application. At the time of the last General Convention, he had not been furnished with the necessary documents; there having been an intended delay of the de-

sign, owing to the circumstances of the public concerns. The desire of the Convention has been since complied with; and the necessary communications were sent by the Honorable and Reverend Mr. Stewart, lately of the province of Quebec, on his return to England.

The next subject was the taking of preparatory measures for the organizing of the Church in the states, and parts of states, westward of the Alleghany mountains. The subscriber has had some correspondence on the subject; and has provided, so far as is in his power, for a comprehension of the counties of Pennsylvania westward of said mountains, under the projected organization: although on such terms as shall not destroy the unity of the Church in that state. Relatively to the contemplated measure, there have been sent to the subscriber sundry documents from the western states, herewith delivered. It is understood, that there is now in this city, a lay gentleman, commissioned to confer with the Convention on their contents.

The last subject referred to, is the republication of the Journals, with the Constitution, the Canons, and the Pastoral Letters, under the superintendence of the subscriber. This has been accomplished, in an octavo volume, by Mr. John Bioren, bookseller, of Philadelphia. A considerable number of the books is now for sale in this city, in the hands of Messrs. Swords, booksellers. It is to be hoped, that the members of this Convention either have taken, or will take such measures in the states to which they respectively belong, as may prevent Mr. Bioren from suffering loss, and even ensure to him a gain, from this his exertion to serve the Church. WILLIAM WHITE.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the presiding Bishop, for his attention to these subjects, and his communication now made concerning them.

Among the documents, accompanying the above communication, were petitions from several congregations and Episcopalians inhabiting the western country, asking leave to form a Convention, to include, for the present, all the western country, to be placed, provisionally, under the care of the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the General Convention cherish a lively interest in the spiritual concerns of their brethren in the western country, and are exceedingly solicitous to extend among them the ministrations of our Church.

Resolved, that it is expedient to enact the following Canon:

"*A Canon limiting the operation of the 2d and 37th Canons.*"*

Resolved that it be recommended to the Episcopal congregations in the states referred to in the above communications, where Conventions are not already organized, to organize Conventions, which may be received into union with this Convention, and, when expedient, may unite, according to the Canons, in the choice of a Bishop, having jurisdiction over those states; and that this Convention have received, with much satisfaction, information of the measures which have been already adopted in the state of Ohio, for the organization of the Church in that state.

Resolved, that though the measure of a Convention comprising sundry states in the western country, may be a measure of temporary expediency, it cannot be authorized by this Convention consistently with the general Constitution of the Church, which recognizes only a Convention of the Church in each state.

Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to the authorities of this Church, in each state respectively, to adopt measures for sending Missionaries to our destitute brethren in the western states. Such missionaries to be subject to the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the state or states in which they may officiate.

Resolved, that the presiding Bishop be requested to transmit the foregoing resolution to such person or persons as he may judge proper.

Resolved, that the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The House of Bishops, impressed with the importance of informing the youth and others in the Doctrines, Constitution, and Liturgy of the Church, deem it

* The Canon is published, with the others passed at this session.

their duty to call the attention of the Clergy to the 22d Canon, which enjoins on them diligence in catechetical instruction and lectures. The Bishops consider these as among the most important duties of clergymen, and among the most effectual means of promoting religious knowledge and practical piety.

The following resolutions were then proposed and adopted:—

Resolved, that it is expedient to establish, for the better education of the candidates for holy orders in this Church, a general Theological Seminary, which may have the united support of the whole Church in these United States, and be under the superintendence and control of the General Convention.

Resolved, that this Seminary be located in the city of New-York.

Resolved, that —— persons be appointed by the House of Bishops to visit the several parts of the United States, and solicit contributions towards funds for founding and endowing such an institution.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed, to consist of the presiding Bishop, and the Bishops of this Church in New-York and New-Jersey, with three clergymen and three laymen, to be appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which committe shall be empowered to receive and manage such funds as shall be collected—to devise a plan for establishing and carrying into operation such an institution; which plan shall be communicated to the several Bishops of this Church—and in the event of sufficient funds being obtained, if a majority of the Bishops shall have approved the plan, to carry it into immediate operation.

These resolutions were sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating the concurrence of that House in the resolutions of the House of Bishops on the subject of a Theological Seminary.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies informed this House, that the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Dr. How, the Rev. Dr. Harris, the Hon. Rufus King, William Meredith, Esq. and the Hon. Charles F. Mercer, had been appointed, agreeably to the provisions of the fourth resolution, on the subject of a Theological Seminary.

Resolved, that the blank in the third resolution on the subject of a Theological Seminary, be filled with the word *three*.

This resolution was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and returned with their concurrence.

Whereupon, Resolved, that this House proceed now to the appointments contemplated by the third resolution on the subject of a Theological Seminary.

Resolved, that the Rev. Daniel Burhans, of Newtown, in Connecticut, be appointed to visit the states of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode-Island, and Connecticut;—that the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. of the city of New-York, be appointed to visit the states of New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland;—and that the Rev. William H. Wilmer, of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, be appointed to visit the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia; to solicit contributions for the founding and endowing of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Resolved, that the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be read therein.

The House of Bishops, solicitous for the preservation of the purity of the Church, and the piety of its members, are induced to impress upon the clergy the important duty, with a discreet but earnest zeal, of warning the people of their respective cures, of the danger of an indulgence in those worldly pleasures which may tend to withdraw the affections from spiritual things. And especially on the subject of gaming, of amusements involving cruelty to the brute creation, and of theatrical representations, to which some peculiar circumstances have called their attention,—they do not hesitate to express their unanimous opinion, that these amusements, as well from their licentious tendency, as from the strong temptations to vice which they afford, ought not to be frequented. And the Bishops cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret at the information that in some of our large cities, so little respect is paid to the feelings of the members of the Church, that theatrical representations are fixed for the evenings of her most solemn festivals.

The two following resolutions were adopted, and ordered to be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Resolved, that it is expedient to alter the first article of the Constitution of this Church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words—"third Tuesday in May, in the year of our Lord 1808, and on the third Tuesday in May;" and inserting instead thereof, the words—*first Tuesday in October, in the year of our Lord* 1823, *and on the first Tuesday in October.*

Resolved, that in conformity with the 9th article of the Constitution, the Secretaries of this Convention, after the adjournment thereof, make known the proposed alteration to the several State Conventions.

CANONS

Passed in General Convention, 1817.

CANON I.

Limiting the Operation of the second and thirty-seventh Canons.

In the event of there being a Bishop consecrated for any state or states westward of the Alleghany mountains, it shall be lawful for the Episcopal congregations in Pennsylvania and Virginia, westward of the said mountains, or for those of either of the said states, to place themselves, with the consent of the Bishops of these states respectively, under the provisionary superintendence of the Bishop the first refesred to; the thirty-seventh Canon to the contrary notwithstanding. Further; it shall be lawful for such congregations in Pennsylvania, and for those in Virginia, the majority in each case concurring, to unite in Convention with the Church in any western state or states. These provisions are to cease whenever the consent for the continuance of them on the part of the Bishop of the Church in Pennsylvania or in Virginia, as the case may be, with the approbation of the General Convention, shall be withdrawn. In the case above referred to, the number of Clergymen specified in the second Canon shall not be requisite.

CANON II.

To govern in the Case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.

If any minister of this Church shall declare to the Bishop of the Diocess to which he belongs, or to any Ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or, where there is no Bishop, to the standing committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof; it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the standing committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to admonish or to suspend him, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person so declaring has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade of the ministry in this Church. In any Diocess in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other Diocess, invited by the standing committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the standing committee in every Diocess wherein there is no Bishop.

CANON III.

For carrying into Effect the Design of the second Rubric before the Communion Service.

There being the provision in the second Rubric before the Communion Service, requiring that every minister repelling from the Communion, shall give an account

of the same to the Ordinary; it is hereby provided, that on the information to the effect stated being laid before the Ordinary, that is the Bishop, it shall not be his duty to institute an inquiry, unless there be complaint made to him in writing by the expelled party. But on receiving complaint, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry, as may be directed by the Canons of the Diocess in which the event has taken place. And the notice given as above by the minister shall be a sufficient presentation of the party expelled, for the purpose of trial.

Done in General Convention, at New-York, in the month of May, in the year of our Lord, 1817.

By order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, D.D. *Presiding Bishop.*

Attested, BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President.*

Attested, ASHBEL BALDWIN, *Secretary.*

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Wednesday, August 19, 1818.

THIS being the day, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies, attended in Christ-Church, in the city of New-Brunswick, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Divine service was performed by the Rev. Abiel Carter, and a sermon, on the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Rudd and Joshua M. Wallace, Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of Churches represented.

The Committee reported, that Deputies were present from twelve Churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

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Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes delivered the following Address.

In complying with the requisitions of the forty-fifth Canon of our Church, it becomes my duty to state to you, my brethren of the Convention, the Churches, which I have visited since our last annual meeting.

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On Sunday the 16th of this month, I again visited, and officiated at, St. James's Church, in Piscataway.

The state of these churches, generally, is very much the same, as when they were last visited. Some variations, however, have taken place. The congregation of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, have finished, repaired, and beautified their Church. Measures are in a train to effect the same object, by the congregations of St. Michael's, Trenton, and St. James's, Piscataway. The condition of the Church at Trenton, through the divine goodness, has also very much improved, during the past year, both, in increase of numbers, and attention to divine service, and to the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. The Church at Swedesborough, has likewise put on a much more promising appearance, especially as to the attention of its members upon public worship, than had been the case for some time past.

St. Peter's Church, Freehold, has, however, again become vacant, by the resignation of its minister. The same unfavourable event has occurred to the Churches at Salem and Penn's Neck.

The vacant churches generally, in consequence of the missionary services of the Rev. Mr. Stratton, enjoyed more frequent opportunities of divine service, during the year past, than had been the case for the two preceding years. At present, however, they are deprived of this benefit, as a successor to Mr. Stratton has not yet been procured.

The state of the Diocess, on the whole, therefore, though not as favourable as could be wished, has not, it is believed, suffered any declension. It has, on the contrary, considering all the discouraging circumstances attending it, progressed as much perhaps as could reasonably be expected. At the same time we ought not to remit our endeavours; on the contrary, we should use double diligence, and while we are exerting our own

powers, in dependence on Divine aid, for which we should frequently and earnestly pray, let us trust, that the great Head of the Church will smile upon our labours, and ultimately cause that flourishing state of our Zion to prevail, which we so ardently desire; but which, without the exertion of those powers, and his blessing—only to be obtained by prayer, and purity of life—we may hope for in vain.

While I am on this subject, let me again remind my reverend brethren, of the importance of the Missionary Fund, and therefore of the necessity of faithfulness and punctuality, in having the prescribed collections made in the churches. It is on this fund, under the Divine blessing, that we are to look for the preservation and final establishment of our vacant churches, and the nurture and growth of the new ones, that may be instituted. Fidelity, and perseverance in the means already provided for its increase, will finally produce effects, which can now scarcely be imagined. It is deeply to be lamented, that circumstances should have occasioned, even a temporary diversion of any part of this fund, from its original purpose. It is hoped, that effectual means will shortly be devised, to render unnecessary such deductions in future.

The attention to the establishment and instruction of Sunday Schools, in the Churches of our communion, as noticed in my last address, has certainly increased since that period. May the promoters and instructors, of institutions so laudable, and which promise such extensive usefulness to society, and to the welfare, both temporal and eternal, of individuals, persevere in their exertions, and be blessed with the rewards, which they respectively merit.

The progress of "the Episcopal Society, for the promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety," has suffered no diminution since we last assembled. It continues to distribute gratuitously Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, and the amount of its permanent fund, already exceeds the anticipation of its most sanguine friends.

Of Candidates for Orders, George H. Woodruff is, at present, the only one. Mr. Woodruff was admitted in the Diocess of New-York; but, at his request, by a let-

ter dimissory from the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, was transferred to this Diocess. Daniel Somers, admitted a Candidate, by the Standing Committee, in August, 1815, has, at his request, been transferred to the Diocess of Connecticut. Other persons are, however, preparing for admission.

The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, has resigned his sacred charge, and removed to the Diocess of New-York. The loss of such a clergyman, as Mr. Montgomery, could not but be regretted. The loss has however been repaired, by the removal to this Diocess, of the Rev. Abiel Carter, late Rector of the Church at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and his officiating, as a Minister of that Church.

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, a Deacon in this Diocess, has, at his request, by a letter dimissory to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemp, been transferred to the Diocess of Maryland. This event is also to be regretted, as it had not only been the wish, but the expectation of his friends, that, born and educated, as he was, among us, he would have devoted his services to the necessities of the Church in his native State. We hope, however, that he will, at least, be equally useful and acceptable, in the Diocess to which he has removed.

The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, having fulfilled a temporary appointment to officiate at St. Michael's, Trenton, on the removal of Mr. Montgomery ; has obtained permission to engage as a missionary to the States, west of the Alleghany Mountains, and has already entered on his mission.

Licences have been granted, during the year, to Samuel Sitgreaves, Junr. a Candidate for orders, in Pennsylvania, to officiate as a Lay Reader, at St. James's Church, Knowlton, and St. John's Greenwich : to G. H. Woodruff, to officiate at St. Michael's Church Trenton, during the late vacancy in that Church : and to John Grigg and William Richmond, Candidates for Orders, in New-York, to officiate in St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey.

It will not, I trust, be considered as overstepping the line of my duty, should I conclude my address, with calling to your notice the prosperous state of our Church,

in other Diocesses; and inviting you to participate with me in the pleasure, which such a state is so well calculated to excite. The accounts, which have reached me from every quarter, relative to her affairs, justify the belief, that such is the fact. Peace, harmony, and zeal, among her ministers, and a deep and increasing interest in her welfare and success, among her members, seem almost equally to prevail, whether we hear from the North or the South, from the East or the West.

May her Divine Head, continue and increase these blessings to his Church; may she be adorned with genuine piety, and the beauty of holiness; and may He endue us, my brethren, with such a portion of his Spirit, that we may be among the happy instruments, which he uses, in furthering his gracious purposes towards her. To this end, let us be instant in prayer. Let us look to him, with confidence, for success, who hath said, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his Church.

JOHN CROES.

New-Brunswick, August 19, 1818.

The following amendment to the third article of the Constitution, to be inserted immediately after the words "ex officio," which was proposed, at the last Convention, by Joshua M. Wallace, Esq. and is in the following words, was now called up;—"Clergymen, who have formerly been Rectors in this Diocess, but having resigned their charges, remain in it, or return to it, after a period of absence, may also become, and shall hereafter be considered as members of this Convention, in full standing; provided all the instituted Rectors present, and all the congregations represented, at the meeting, when any such clergyman shall be proposed, give their votes in favour of it."

This proposition was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton then proposed, that the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. who had been many years Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, and afterwards held a most respectable standing among the officiating clergy of the city of New-York, but who now resides in the vicinity of New-Brunswick, be admitted to a seat in

this Convention, agreeably to the provisions of the amendment to the Constitution, just adopted.

This proposition was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary directed to furnish Dr. Beach with a copy of it.

On motion, adjourned till half past three o'clock, P. M.

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The Convention met.

Mr. Robert Sharp, a Lay Deputy from St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, appeared, presented the certificate of his appointment, and took his seat:

On motion, the Clergy were called on, for the parochial reports, required by the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention: the following were presented.

Trinity-Church, Newark.

Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector.

Baptisms,	Infants, 27 Adults, 7	34
Communicants,	Added, 17 Removed, 3 Deceased, 5	93
Marriages,		7
Funerals,		9

The beneficial effects of the Sunday-School, attached to this Church, are sensibly felt, not only by the subjects of instruction, but by the instructors themselves, whose patient and assiduous zeal, while faithfully bestowed on this truly Christian work, seems kindled to an ardour, which counts no labour too great, and no sacrifices too painful, to be endured, for the good of the Church.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

Rev. J. C. Rudd, Rector.

Families and Contributors,	about 100
Communicants,	100
Baptisms,	12
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	7

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St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

REV. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector.

Baptisms,	children, 5 adults, 5	10
Burials,		4
Marriages,		1
Communicants,		about 38

Attendance at Church, tolerably regular, and becoming more so. No immoralities prevailing in the congregation, nor any dissentions to interrupt Christian love and harmony. It is contemplated to institute a Tract Society, with a view to a general circulation of pamphlets, containing the doctrines and devotional exercises of the Church.

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

REV. SIMON WILMER, Rector.

Families,		about 150
Communicants,	3 added, 1 suspended,	146
Baptisms,	3 adults, 29 children,	32
Marriages,		5
Sunday Schools	1 for boys, 1 for girls,	2

On motion, the Clergy were requested to make report of the moneys, collected for the Missionary Fund, on which,

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes reported, that two collections had been made, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, amounting to $27 50

The Rev. L. P. Bayard reported, that the Newark Church Missionary Society, had contributed to the Missionary Fund, 34 50

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Communicants,		24
Baptisms,	adults, 2 children, 2	4
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		0

This Church has not been an unfruitful vine. Her affairs are flourishing, her members regular and attentive, and attached to the distinctive doctrines and usages of our Church.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse also reported, that no collection had been made in St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

On motion of the Rev. J. C. Rudd, resolved, that the Bishop be requested to assign to the Clergy, the missionary services, which they are to perform, on the two Sundays, annually reserved for that purpose; it being understood, that when the Bishop calls on any clergyman to supply his place, in his absence on Episcopal visitations, such call shall be considered in the place of a missionary appointment.

The committee appointed to examine the account of William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, reported, that they found the same correctly stated.

On motion, this report was accepted, and the statement of accounts ordered to be printed with the Journal. *See Appendix No. I.*

On Motion, information was called for, respecting the progress of the Episcopal Fund, as established by a resolution of the Convention of 1816. From the communications, made by the clergymen, and deputies of the Churches, in which subscription books had been circulated, it appeared that, though many donations had been made, the progress had not, from a variety of circumstances, been as great as could be wished; and that it had been found inconvenient for the several vestries to pay that attention to the subject, which was necessary to ensure its success. Whereupon, on motion, it was resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Rudd be, and is hereby appointed by this Convention, to visit the different congregations in this Diocess, and solicit donations to the Episcopal Fund; and that he pay over the moneys collected by

him, to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the use of the fund.

On motion, resolved, that the expenses of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, in making such collections, be defrayed out of the moneys received.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, resolved, that the Convention borrow of the Missionary Fund, $150, to be paid to the order of the Bishop, for the purpose of defraying his expenses, while in the discharge of his Episcopal duties; which sum shall be hereafter refunded from the collections made for the Episcopal Fund; and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the said sum to the Bishop.

Mr. Pintard and Mr. Throckmorton asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, resolved, that the Convention adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, August 20, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Chapman.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, in behalf of the Standing Committee, made a report of the proceedings of that body, which was read, approved, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal, as an appendix. *See Appendix, No. II.*

The Rev. Dr. Beach appeared, and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention went into the appointment of a Standing Committee, and of Delegates to the General Convention.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were appointed;——

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Joshua M. Wallace, Esq.
Mr. Rudd,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
Mr. Croes, Jun.	Peter Kean, Esq.
Mr. Bayard,	James Parker Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention;

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Mr. Rudd,	William Coxe, Esq.
Mr. Croes, Jun.	Joseph Higbee, Esq.
Mr. Chapman,	Peter Kean, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd presented a report of the Proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, which was read, and ordered to be printed with the Journal. *See Appendix No. III.*

The Rev. J. C. Rudd proposed the following addition to the IX article of the Consitution, for the consideration of the Convention,—to be inserted between the words *and* and *a Sermon*, viz. *in cases, in which the Bishop shall not deliver a charge.*

On motion of the Secretary, resolved, that 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed: and that 400 copies be distributed, in the same proportion as the Journal of last year; the remaining 100 copies, at the discretion of the Bishop.

The Convention took into consideration the proposition made in the last General Convention to change the time of the meetings of that body, which was communicated to this house at its last sitting, and entered on the Journal; when, on motion, it was resolved, that the same be referred to the Delegates from this Diocess, to act thereon, as they may think will best comport with the general interest of the Church.

It was moved and carried, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

ATTESTED,—J. CHAPMAN, *Secretary.*

*** The next annual Convention, will be held, at Swedesborough, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1819.

☞ *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B. C. D. and E.

F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

William P. Deare, Treasurer, in account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey,

Dr.

				Doll.	Cents.
1817.					
August 21,	To balance of cash in Treasury,			561	69
1818.					
January 7,	To collections made by and received from Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Missionary, viz.				
1817.					
August 24,	St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria,		2 18		
31,	do. - - do.		1 35		
Sept. 21,	St. James's, Piscataway,		1 00		
24,	Trinity, Woodbridge,		3 25		
Oct. 19,	St. James's, Knowlton,		5 00		
Nov. 16,	St. Peter's, Spotswood,		4 50		
23,	St. Thomas's, Alexandria,		1 44		
30,	St. James's, Knowlton,		4 00		
				22	72
1818.					
March 13,	To interest on Note No. V. three years			34	65
May 1st,	To principal and interest of cash loaned October 1, 1817.			208	16
	To principal and interest of Bond No. X.			187	25
July 17,	To interest Bond No. I. one year			28	00
	do. Note VII. do.			10	50
	do. Note IX. do.			7	00
25,	do. Bond XIII. do.			10	50
August 3,	do. Bond IV. do.			10	50
17,	do. Bond III. do.			14	00
	do. Note XV. do.			14	00
	Cash received. Two collections in Christ-Church New-Brunswick.			27	50
19,	Collection, Christ-Church Shrewsbury,			8	00
	St. Peters's Church, Perth-Amboy			11	50
	St. James's, Knowlton,			4	94
	Newark Church Missionary Society			34	50
	St. Mary's, Burlington			30	00
	Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,			10	00
				$1235	40

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1817.			Dolls.	Cents.
August 26,	By cash paid Bishop Croes, to be refunded from Bishop's fund		150	00
October 1,	Cash loaned		200	00
Sept. 24,	Cash paid William Myer for printing the Journal of the Convention for the year 1817.		50	00
October 1,	Cash paid Rev. Samuel C. Stratton on account of services as a Missionary.		65	00
1818.				
January 7, 1818.	Cash paid do. do.		70	00
May 1st,	By Cash paid for $500 Certificate of public debt, six per. cent stock,	$518 75		
	By interest due and received thereon July 1, 1818.	7 50		
			511	25
	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer		188	15
			1235	40

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

August 19, 1818.

We have examined the within account of the Treasurer and find it correctly stated.

CHARLES H. WHARTON,
JAMES PARKER, } *Committee.*

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Bonds, Notes and Stock, composing the Missionary Fund.

Bond No. 1	- - - - -	400	
- - 3	- - - - -	200	
- - 4	- - - - -	150	
- - 5	- - - - -	165	
- - 7	- - - - -	150	
- - 9	- - - - -	100	
- - 13	- - - - -	150	
- - 14	- - - - -	500	
And note for amount of interest	- - -	94	29
- - 15	- - - - -	200	
		2,109	29
500 Dr. six per cent stock,	- - - -	500	
Balance due by Treasurer,	- - - -	189	15
Loaned to Bishop's Fund,	- - - -	250	
Total of Missionary Fund,	- - -	$ 3,948	44

Note. By an error in the Treasurer's account of last year, in calculating among the Bonds and Notes, as unpaid, No. XI. for $200, which had been credited as paid, the Missionary Fund was made to amount to $2951, 69, whereas its real amount was only $ 2751, 68.

APPENDIX, NO. II.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, commencing, August 20, 1817.

Burlington, August 20, 1817.

The members of the Standing Committee met, immediately after their appointment.

PRESENT,

Rev. Dr. Wharton, Rev. J. C. Rudd,
L. P. Bayard, J. Croes,
Hon. Wm. Coxe. Joshua M. Wallace Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was chosen President;
Rev. Mr. Rudd Secretary.

The Rev. James Montgomery, lately a Deacon in the Diocess of Pennsylvania, made application for the Testimonial required by the 12th Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Priests' Orders; and laid before the Committee certificates from the Bishop of said Diocess, and from the Vestries of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's Philadelphia, as to his pious and orderly conduct, which were deemed satisfactory: The Committee therefore, granted the Testimonial required.

The Committee adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President.*

New-Brunswick, April 13, 1818.

The Standing Committee met this day, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Rudd, J. Croes Jun. Bayard, of the Clergy, Messrs. J. Parker and R. Boggs, of the Laity.

Francis H. Cuming made application for the Testimonial, required by the 12th Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Deacons' Orders; and having laid before the Committee satisfactory evidence of his piety, good morals and orderly conduct, it was resolved to grant the requisite Testimonial, which was signed accordingly, and delivered to the Bishop.

Adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro. Tem.*

Trenton, June 17, 1818.

The Committee met this day, in St. Michael's Church.

The Secretary laid before the Committee, the application of the Standing Committee of the Diocess of South Carolina, dated, March 31, 1818; for the consent of this Committee to the Consecration of the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop Elect of that Diocess.

The Documents, accompanying the application, being satisfactory, and the Committee convinced of the propriety of the measure contemplated, granted the Testimonial required, by the 5th Canon of the General Convention.

The Committee Adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President.*

New-Brunswick, July 13, 1818.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT.

Rev. J. C. Rudd,
J. Croes, Jun.
L. P. Bayard.

James Parker, Esq.
Robert Boggs, Esq.

Application was presented from the State of Ohio, requesting the consent of this Committee, to the conse-

cration of the Rev. Philander Chase, Bishop Elect of that Diocess,—accompanied with the requisite documents,——Whereupon,

Resolved, that, inasmuch as doubts have arisen in the minds of the members of the Committee, as to the propriety of proceeding now to the signature of the necessary Testimonial, the further consideration of the application be postponed to the meeting of the next annual Convention of New-Jersey, to be held, August 19th, 1818; and that the President of this Committee be requested to take measures for obtaining information on this subject.

The Committee Adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro. Tem.*

New-Brunswick, August 20, 1818.

The Standing Committee met.

PRESENT.

Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. President.
J. C. Rudd, Secretary.
J. Croes, Jun.
L. P. Bayard,
J. M. Wallace, Esq.
Hon. Wm. Coxe,
Robert Boggs, Esq.

The application from the State of Ohio, for the consent of this Committee to the Consecration of the Rev. Philander Chase, Bishop Elect of that Diocess, was taken up, and the following proceedings were had on it.

Whereas, such doubts with respect to the propriety of the measure contemplated, still exist, in the minds of the Committee as to induce them to withhold their consent to the proposed Consecration, therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, that the Bishop of this Diocess be respectfully advised, in case he shall be called on to act in said Consecration, to urge a postponement of it, till the meeting of the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, to be held in the City of Philadelphia, in May, 1820.

Mr. Clarkson Dunn made application, through the Rev. J. C. Rudd, for the Testimonial required by the

7th Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The evidence laid before the Committee of Mr. Dunn's piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, being satisfactory, it was resolved, that the necessary Testimonial should be granted, and the Committee signed it accordingly.

Committee Adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President*.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Board of Directors, to whom is intrusted the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That, in the month of June 1817, they made an engagement with the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton to devote the one half of his time, during the space of thirty weeks, to the duties of a Missionary to the vacant Churches, in the Diocess, in consideration of his receiving $135 to defray his expences, during that period.

From Mr. Stratton's report to the Bishop, who is, ex-officio, President of the Board, it appears, that he has, in the discharge of his duties, performed Divine Service, and preached in the vacant Churches, as follows:

On two Sundays, in St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill.

On two Sundays, in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

Once, on Sunday, in St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough.

On two Sundays, (four times) in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and three times, on week days.

On three Sundays, at St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria.

On three Sundays, in the congregation of St. Andrew's, Amwell.

On one Sunday, in St. James's Church, Piscataway.

On one Sunday, and on a week day, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

On one Sunday, three times, at the Church, at Paterson.

On two Sundays, and on weekdays, four times, at St. James's Church, Knowlton.

On one Sunday, and on a week day, in the congregation of Christ-Church, Hardwick.

On two Sundays, in the congregation of Christ-Church, Newton.

He also officiated twice, on one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, for the Bishop, while he was absent, visiting

the Churches in Sussex county.

The Board of Directors cannot omit expressing their approbation of the faithfulness and zeal, manifested by Mr. Stratton in the discharge of his arduous duties, and they trust, that his exertions have not been, without some beneficial effect.

The Board is sorry to state, that a successor to Mr. Stratton has not yet been procured. The time, however, cannot be long, before the vacancy, occasioned by the cessation of his mission, will again be filled. Several young men, preparing for the Ministry, will, in succession, perform this important duty.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

New-Brunswick, August 20, 1818.

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Wednesday, August 18, 1819.

THIS being the day, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies, attended in Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. John C. Rudd, and a charge to the Clergy, was delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Croes.

The Bishop then took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Simon Wilmer and William Coxe, Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of Churches represented.

The Committee reported, that Deputies were present from ten Churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.*

Of the Laity, there were present.

Mr. Daniel Terrill, of Trinity-Church, Woodbridge;

Mr. John C. Langstaff, of St. James's Church, Piscataway;

* The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were prevented, by various causes, from attending.—The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D.—The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.—The Rev James Chapman—The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard—The Rev. Abiel Carter—The Rev. Francis H. Cuming—The Rev. Augustus Fitch—and The Rev. George H. Woodruff.

William Coxe, Esq. of St. Mary's Church, Burlington

Col. Samuel J. Read and Mr. James Coppuck, of St Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

Matthew Gill, Jun. Esq. Joseph V. Clark, Esq More ton Stille, Esq. and Messrs. Isaac Cade, John Rambo and Nathaniel P. Turner, of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley

Messrs. Andrew Hendrickson, Charles Lock, Matthew Gill, William Dyer, Daniel England, Samuel Black, Joseph Batten, Thomas Leap, Samuel Lock, Jesse Avis and David Wolf, of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

Messrs. Enoch Aggings and Jacob Kier, of St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill;

Mr. Jacob B. Stanger, of St. Thomas's Church, Glass borough;

Daniel Garrison, Esq. of St. John's Church, Salem;

Messrs. John Jaquett and Jonas Keen, of St. George' Church, Penn's Neck.

The number of Churches represented, exceeding th constitutional quorum; the members took their seats and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Jun. was unanimously elected.

The standing rules of order were then read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, resolved, that th first article of the Rules of Order be so altered, as to rea thus, Divine service shall be performed, on every morning, during the session of the Convention.

On motion, by the same gentleman, resolved, that th thanks of the Convention be given to the Bishop, for hi Charge to the Clergy, delivered this day; and that h be requested to furnish a copy of it, to be published.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then delivered the following address.

My Brethren, of the Clergy and Laity,

By a canon of the Church, it is made my duty to address you, at each annual Convention, on the affairs of the Diocess; and to state to you the events, that have taken place, since the previous meeting. In the prosecution of this duty, I inform you, that I have visited, and preached to, the vacant congregations, at Amwell; at St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria; at Paterson; at St Matthew's Church, Jersey; at Newton; at St. James's

Knowlton, where I also administered the communion; at St. George's Church, Penn's Neck; at St. John's, Salem; at St. Peter's, Berkeley; at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill; at St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough; at St. Mary's Church, Colestown; at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge; on three Sundays, at St Peter's Church, Spotswood, on one of which I administered the communion; on two occasions, at St. James's Church, Piscataway; on one of which, I held a confirmation, on the other, administered the communion; and twice among the Episcopalians at Woodbury.

I have also visited, and officiated at, St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town; St. Peter's Church, Amboy; St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly; on two Sundays, at St. Michael's Church, Trenton; and three times, at Trinity-Church, Swedesborough. I likewise visited, and held confirmations at, Trinity-Church, Newark, and St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The number confirmed in the three churches mentioned, was fifty-five.

On Friday the 7th May last, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, I ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons, George H. Woodruff, of this Diocess.

Since my last address, Clarkson Dunn, has been admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The Rev. Augustus Fitch, a Deacon of the Diocess of Connecticut, has, by a letter dimissory from the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, performing Episcopal offices, according to the canons, in that Diocess; been transferred to this; and is, at present, performing ministerial duties, at the Chapel, at Belleville.

The Rev. Francis H. Cuming has returned from his mission to the Western States; and is officiating, in his clerical capacity, at Morris-Town, in this Diocess.

The Rev. Daniel Higbee has discontinued his services, as the Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and is now residing at Moore's Town, without a cure. St Mary's Church, therefore, is again vacant.

The Rev. George H. Woodruff, has, by authority from the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, been appointed a Missionary to the vacant Churches of the Diocess, for one year, and is now engaged in his duties.

St. Michael's Church, Trenton, has lately been taken down, and a new one, of much larger dimensions, and in a superior style, is now erecting on the site of the old one.

St. James's Church, Piscataway, is undergoing repairs and improvements, directed by Mr. Daniel Terrill, of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town; who, from attachment to our Church, and zeal for its prosperity, has engaged in this laudable work.

St. James's Church, at Knowlton, has been repaired and improved, within the last year.

St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria, now almost in ruins, it is believed, will be repaired this season.

Licenses have been granted to Clarkson Dunn, a Candidate in this Diocess, to officiate as a Lay Reader, in the vacant churches, at Woodbridge and Piscataway; and to Charles Mc Ilvaine, a Candidate in the Diocess of Pennsylvania, to officiate, in the same capacity, at St. Mary's Church, Burlington, in the absence of its Rector, the Rev. Dr. Wharton.

Since our last meeting, I have been called upon to assist, in the consecration of two Bishops, the Right Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bowen, for the Diocess of South Carolina, and the Right Rev. Philander Chase, for the Diocess of Ohio. It cannot, but give pleasure to the friends of the Church, that events so auspicious have taken place, especially the extension of the Episcopal Office to the States, west of the Alleghany Mountains, an object so long and so much desired. It adds to this pleasure, that the Diocess of Connecticut have lately elected for their Bishop, the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, of the Diocess of New-York.

It is with great satisfaction, I inform you, that the funds of "the Episcopal Society for promoting Christian knowledge and piety," are increasing, and that during the year past, a considerable number of Bibles, Prayer-Books, and religious Tracts, have been gratuitously distributed, especially among the vacant churches. The permanent fund now, exceeds $800.

The state of the Sunday Schools, established in our churches, continues to be flourishing. Much good, it is believed, results from these institutions, not only as it respects the literary, but moral and religious improve-

ment of the pupils. The increase of them is much to be desired.

On the whole, the state of the Church in this Diocess may be considered as improving. At no previous time have there been so many Clergymen, resident in it; or so many regularly performing ministerial duties.

I must not omit mentioning to you, that the Theological Seminary, established, by an act of the last General Convention, has at length gone into operation.—Whether it shall arise from its present humble commencement, to that dignity and importance, which it is due to the character of the Episcopal Church of the United States, to see that it possesses; must depend principally, on the enlightened and pious views and liberal contributions of its members, especially of those, upon whom GOD has bountifully bestowed wealth. It is to be hoped, that when the subject shall fairly be brought forward, in this Diocess, there will not be wanting, a spirit, and an elevation of sentiment, that shall correspond with the greatness and the utility of the object, and with that sense of self-respect, which every member of our ancient and apostolic Church should possess and cherish.

JOHN CROES.

Swedesborough, August 18, 1819.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. the Convention met.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, in behalf of the Standing Committee, made a report of the proceedings of that body, which was read, approved, and ordered to be printed with the Journal, as an appendix. *See Appendix, No. I.*

The following parochial reports of the Clergy, were presented to the Convention by the Bishop, and read.

* *Trinity-Church, Newark.*†

REV. LEWIS P. BAYARD, Rector.

Baptisms,	Adults, 8, Infants, 38,	46
Communicants,	Added, 13 Deceased, 4	107
Marriages,		7
Burials,		15

† The reports marked with an asterisk, were forwarded to the Convention.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

REV. JOHN C. RUDD, Rector.

Families and Contributors, between	-	90 and 100
Communicants,	-	102
Baptisms, { Adults, 2 / Infants, 23 }	- -	25
Marriages,	- - -	6
Burials, of those belonging to the Congregation, 8 / Of others, - - 9		17

The affairs of this Congregation, have undergone no material change since the last report. The Sunday school, attached to it, has generally been well attended by Teachers and Pupils. The average number of attendants has been about 80.

* *St, Peters Church, Perth Amboy.*

REV. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, about	- - -	38
Communicants, (added 9)	- -	47
Baptisms, { Adults, 1 / Children, 5 }	- -	6
Marriages,	- - -	3
Funerals,	- - -	9

The Sunday School of St. Peters Church, continues to be well attended, both on the part of the teachers and of the scholars.

Christ-Church New-Brunswick.

The RIGHT REV. JOHN CROES, D. D. Rector.

Families, about	- - -	56
Communicants, { Added, 5 / Removed, 3 / Deceased, 1 }	-	46
Baptisms, { Adults, 1 / Children, 13 }	- -	14
Marriages,	- - -	8
Funerals, { of the congregation, 4 / of others, - 3 }	-	7

The Sunday school of this church prospers, the young ladies, who teach it, are uncommonly faithful, and the progress of the children, great.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

REV. JOHN CROES, Jun. Rector.

Families,	60
Communicants,	49
Baptisms,	11
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	11

* *St. Michael's Church, Trenton.*

REV. ABIEL CARTER, Rector Elect.

Communicants, about	35
Baptisms,	15
Marriages,	2
Burials,	6

The present minister entered upon the duties of his office in this Parish, on the 19th of July, 1818.

The labours of his predecessor had, by the blessing of God, raised the congregation to an unprecedented state of prosperity; and it is a cause for thankfulness, that it continues to flourish. A new church edifice of Gothic structure and of larger dimensions, than the former, was commenced in May last; which it is expected will be ready for consecration early in November ensuing.

* *St. Mary's Church, Burlington.*

REV. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector.

Communicants,		46
Baptisms,	Adults, 1 Infants, 8	9
Marriages,		2
Burials,		8

The Congregation attentive, regular, and increasing.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

REV. GEORGE Y. MORRHOUSE, Rector.

Families, about		50
Communicants,	Added, 3 Deceased, 2	25
Baptisms,	Adults, 1 Infants, 1	2
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		6

The state of this Church continues pleasing, and the progress of the Sunday School promising, and afford a well grounded hope, that, under the smiles and blessings of heaven, they will grow and flourish more and more.

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

(VACANT.)

Families,	- - -	20
Baptisms,	{ Adults. 2 Children, 7 } - -	9
Communicants,	- - -	36

This Church continues to be opened on every Sunday afternoon. Attendance tolerably regular, and promises to become more so.

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

REV. SIMON WILMER, Rector.

Families, about	- -	150
Communicants,	- - -	145
Baptisms,	{ Adults, 5 Children, 34 } - -	39
Marriages,	- - -	7
Sunday Schools,	- - -	2

The Clergy were then called upon for reports of services, rendered as Missionaries to vacant churches. In compliance with which,

The Rev. Mr. Rudd reported, that, on the 8th Sunday after Trinity, he performed Divine service, and preached to a good congregation in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and baptized one adult;—that he performed Divine service and preached once, on a week day, in St. James's Church, Piscataway.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. reported, that he had officiated, in St. Peter's Church, Freehold, agreeably to appointment, twice, on Sundays, since last Convention; that he administered the sacrament, both times; and that he baptized in that church, three children.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse reported, that, agreeably to the direction of the Bishop, he officiated at St. George's Church, Penn's-Neck, on Sunday, A. M. November the 22d, of last year; and on the same day, P. M. at St. John's Church, Salem, to a numerous auditory.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that he had, agreeably to appointment, officiated occasionally, in the vacant churches in his vicinity, viz. at Salem, Penn's-Neck, Mullica-Hill, Glassborough, and Berkeley.

The Bishop reported, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Bayard, that he had, agreeably to his appointment, preached one Sunday, at St. James's Church, Knowlton, and in the congregation of Christ-Church, Hardwick; and one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in his, the Bishop's, absence visiting the Churches.

The Bishop also reported, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Carter, that he had, agreeably to appointment, officiated two Sundays, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in his place, while performing his episcopal duties in other Churches.

Extract from a Report made to the Bishop, by the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, a Deacon in this Diocess.

"Soon after my return, last fall, from a missionary tour to the westward, I commenced doing missionary duty in this state, and officiated as follows, viz:—

Nov. 15, 1818,—Three times at Paterson,—22, twice at Spotswood,—Dec. 13, once at Spotswood,—once at Freehold,—14, once at Woodbridge.—Feb. 28, 1819, once at Woodbridge.

I was at Piscataway and Woodbridge, on the 29th of November, but so inclement was the weather, that the people did not assemble for divine worship. On account of indisposition, I was obliged to suspend my labours, until the month of May, when I accepted of my present situation at Morris-Town. From that time, there has been service here regularly, once, and occasionally twice, every Sunday. The number of Episcopalians, in and about Morris, is between thirty and forty, though the number of hearers is much greater. The responses are made with great propriety, and apparent devotion. On the first of August, the Communion was administered by the Rev. Mr. Onderdonck—on which occasion, fourteen received that holy sacrament. Of these some were strangers. It is thought that a very respectable congregation may in time be raised in this place. Our Liturgy is generally admired, and there seems to be a prevailing wish, that there should be an Episcopal Church here.

In addition to the services already enumerated, I officiated, June 20, 1819, once at New-Vernon—July 18,

once at Orange—24, once at Morris Plains—25, once at New-Vernon."

It is but justice to the Rev. Mr. Cuming to observe, that hi performance of ministerial duties, in the vacant Churches, in this Diocess, on the several occasions, stated in his report, were done without receiving any compensation from the Missionary Fund.

The Clergy were then called upon for their reports of collections for the missionary fund, on which,

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes reported, that there had been two collections in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, for that purpose, amounting to $20 00

The Rev. J. C. Rudd reported, that one collection had been made in St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, amounting to 15 50

The Rev. J. Croes, Jun. reported, that he had collected in St. Peter's Church, Freehold, for the same purpose, 4 50

The Rev. G. Y. Morehouse reported, that one collection had been made in St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, amounting to 11 00

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that one collection had been made in Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, amounting to 7 17

The Rev. Mr. Bayard reported, that the Newark Church Missionary Society had contributed to the fund 21 75

$79 92

The Rev. Mr. Carter reported, that owing to the great expense of rebuilding St. Michael's Church, the annual collections had not been made for the Missionary Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton, and the Rev. Mr. Chapman, made no report.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following amendment to the first article of the Constitution, viz. that the word *Shrewsbury* be inserted between the words Newark, and Mount-Holly.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd presented a report of the monies, he had collected for the Episcopal Fund, which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

The Rev. J. C. Rudd, who was appointed by the last

Convention, to visit the different Congregations in this Diocess and solicit donations to the Episcopal Fund ;

Respectfully Reports, that, in obedience to the instructions of the Convention, he has visited the following Congregations, viz.—St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, St. Mary's, Burlington, St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly, St. Michael's, Trenton, Trinity-Church, Newark, St. Peter's, Berkeley, Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, St. Thomas's, Glassborough, St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, St. George's Penn's-Neck, and St. John's, Salem. At each of these places, divine service was performed, and he preached a sermon, and explained the object and design of his visit. While he regrets that his success has not been more extensive, he feels great pleasure in stating, that he has been received with much cordiality, and favoured with all the facilities, in the discharge of his duty, that he had reason to expect.

He has not made any applications, in the Congregation of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, because he believed, that the application of some other person would be more successful. The Churches in Monmouth county have not been visited, because the Clergyman officiating in that county gave satisfactory reasons for believing, that a delay of some time, would be favourable to the fund. For a similar reason, no applications have been made in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley ; but a subscription book has been left with a leading member of the congregation, upon which there is reason for believing, that a respectable sum will be obtained, in a few months. The same course has been pursued in the Congregations of Salem and Penn's-Neck. St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, being at present vacant, and, owing to local circumstances, in a very depressed state, cannot reasonably be expected to contribute to the fund. A convenient opportunity has not been found for visiting the Episcopalians in Belleville and Paterson, where it is supposed, that a few subscriptions may be obtained. It is a question for the Convention to decide, whether it will be adviseable to solicit donations from the long destitute and remote Parishes in Sussex county.—When application was made in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, many of the congregation were absent, and other circumstances united to prevent as general a call upon the people, as was intended.

The following is a statement of the sums subscribed in the several Congregations, with the amounts paid, and still due

	Subscribers.	Am't. to.	Unpaid.
St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy,	14	$162 50	20
St Mary's, Burlington, -	9	85	2
St Andrew's, Mount Holly, -	15	51	10
St Michael's, Trenton, -	20	115	0
Trinity Church, Newark, a collection Do from 12 subscribers,	34 27 84 23	119	10
Trinity Church, Swedesborough,	3	45	35
St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill,	2	7	0
From Rev. John Croes, Jun.		121	0
		$705	$77

From this statement it will appear, that the sum of $705 50 Cts. has been subscribed, from which, if the deduction of $ 77 unpaid, and the amount of expences $23 50 Cts. attending the different visits, which have been made, there will remain in the hands of the Collector the balance of $ 605, which he will pay into the Treasurer's hands immediately after his return from this Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD.

Swedesborough, August 18, 1819.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd proposed a canon, concerning the presentment and trial of Clergymen. After some discussion, the further consideration of it, was postponed till to-morrow.

The same gentleman called up the proposition, he had made last year, and which was inserted in the minutes, for amending the ninth article of the Constitution. The amendment was adopted. The ninth article therefore now reads thus—

At every annual Convention, divine service shall be performed, and, *in cases in which the Bishop shall not deliver a charge*, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered, previously to entering on business; and these religious exercises shall commence precisely at eleven o'clock, A. M. on the stated day of meeting.

William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, transmitted a statement of his accounts, which was read; and, on motion, the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and William Coxe, Esq. were appointed a committee to examine it, and make report thereon.

Col. Samuel J. Read asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock.

Thursday August 19, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they were correct. This report was accepted, and it was ordered, that the statement of the accounts be printed with the Journal. *See Appendix No. III.*

The Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, presented, through their President, a report of their proceedings, during the last year, which was was read and ordered to be printed with the Journal. *See Appendix No. II.*

The Rev. Mr. Rudd called up the canon, which he presented yesterday, relative to the presentment and trial of Clergymen. The Convention having further considered, and amended it, it was on motion adopted.

The same gentleman then moved the following resolutions relative to the Episcopal fund, which were adopted.

Whereas it appears from the statements laid before the Convention, that the avails of the Episcopal Fund, provided to be raised, are as yet inadequate to defray the expenses of the Bishop, in his visitations of the Diocess: Therefore

Resolved 1st. That personal applications for subscriptions and donations to the said Fund, shall be continued, as opportunities may present.

Resolved 2ndly. That it shall be the duty of every minister of the Church, in this state, to cause a collection to be made for the Episcopal Fund, in the Church or Churches, in which he regularly officiates, some time between the first of August, and the first of November, yearly; and if convenient to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion. In case of the meeting of the Convention in any Church, the collection for that year, shall be made there, at the time of such meeting. In vacant congregations, the collection for the above purpose, shall be made, either by the missionary, or by some clergymen, who may visit such congregations, at whatever time of the year, it may be found convenient.

All such collections shall be immediately transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention; and the Convention following shall determine, what proportion of them shall be paid to the Bishop, in addition to the interest of the Fund, and what shall be added to the principal.

Resolved 3dly. That so much of the second article of the Ordinance for supporting Missionaries to the vacant congregations, as requires two collections, in each year, is hereby rescinded; and that only one collection, annually, for the missionary fund, shall be made in each Church, viz. that, in the month of May.

Resolved 4thly. That this Convention borrow of the Missionary Fund 150 dollars, to be paid to the order of the Bishop, for the purpose of defraying the expenses, which he has incurred in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, during the year past.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Rudd, for his indefatigable labours to augment the Episcopal Fund; and that he be respectfully requested to proceed in the business, when his convenience and judgment shall direct.

The Convention then went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Delegates to the General Convention.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were appointed:—

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
Mr. Rudd,	Peter Kean, Esq.
Mr. Chapman,	James Parker, Esq.
Mr. Croes, Jun.	Charles Higbee, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention;

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	William Coxe, Esq.
Mr. Rudd,	Col. Samuel J. Read,
Mr Croes, Jun.	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
Mr. Bayard,	Peter Kean, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of Journals be printed as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed, in the same proportions.

The following addition to the tenth article of the Constitution, was proposed for the consideration of the

Convention. Whenever a Bishop shall be President of the Convention, the Standing Committee shall meet, as soon as convenient, after their appointment, and elect one of their number President; and if, at any meeting, the President shall be absent, the members present may elect a President, *pro tempore*.

It was moved and carried, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

ATTESTED,—JOHN CROES, JUN. *Secretary.*

*** The next annual Convention, will be held, at Newark, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1820.

☞ *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B. C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

CANON.

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION, 1819.

Of the Presentment and Trial of Clergymen.

Any Clergymen, chargeable with improper conduct, may be presented, in either of the following ways, viz:

by any two Presbyters of this Church, by the Wardens and vestrymen of any Parish, with which the accused is, or may have been connected, or, by the Convention of this Diocess.

The party presenting shall forward to the Bishop of the Diocess, a written accusation, specifying the charges, which they have reason to believe may be substantiated against the accused; and this presentment shall be signed with the names of the party presenting, in case two Presbyters, or the Vestry of a Parish, present, but when the Convention presents, the signature of the Secretary of that body shall be sufficient.

The Bishop, on receiving such presentment, shall as soon as convenient, give notice of the same to the accused, with the charges brought against him; and also inform him, that he has appointed five Clergymen of the Diocess, from which number the accused has the privilege of selecting three, which three shall constitute a board or court, for the examination and decision of his cause; and in case of his refusal to select, the Bishop shall make the selection. The Bishop shall give notice to the persons selected, of their appointment; and name the time and place for the opening of the court. The person, first named, by the Bishop, in the selection, shall be President ofthe Court. The Bishop shall also appoint some Clergyman to act as Clerk, and carefully to record the proceedings.

It shall be the duty of the party accusing, to attend the trial, and lay before the Court all such testimony as shall be deemed proper. At the conclusion of the trial, a copy of the proceedings, certified by the Clerk, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. The Court shall also certify to him their opinion. whether the accused should be acquitted; or whether he should be admonished, suspended, or degraded from the ministry, as the case may be; and the Bishop shall proceed to pronounce, and publish sentence accordingly, agreeably to the Canons of the General Convention.

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. *Secretary.*

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New Jersey, for the year commencing August 20, 1818.

New-Brunswick, December 1, 1818.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. J. C. Rudd,	James Parker, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Robert Boggs, Esq.
L. P. Bayard,	Peter Kean, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was chosen President; Rev. J. C. Rudd, Secretary; and appointed President, pro tem.

Two communications were received on the subject of the Bishop elect of the Diocess of Ohio; one from two of the Standing Committee of that Diocess, bearing date, September 17, 1818; the other from the Wardens and Vestry of Christ-Church, in the city of Hartford, in Connecticut, bearing date, October 7, 1818.

These documents having been read and considered, *Resolved*, that they be answered; whereupon the Secretary was requested to prepare such answers, which, having been done, and the answers read and considered, they were adopted and signed by all the members present.

Resolved, that copies of these answers be taken, and filed among the papers of this Committee.—Adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro Tem.*

Trenton, February 3, 1819.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Rev. Dr. Wharton, President,
J. C. Rudd, Secretary,
J. Croes, Jun.
L. P. Bayard, James Parker, Esq.

The subject of the Consecration of the Rev. Philander Chase, Bishop elect of Ohio, was again laid before the Committee; and two letters were read by the Secretary, one from the Secretary of the Standing Committee of Pennsylvania, in which it was stated, that a full investigation of the subject, had been made by that Committee, and that the result of the investigation, was a conviction, that the reports unfavourable to the character of Mr. Chase were unfounded; and that the Committee of Pennsylvania, therefore, had proceeded to sign the requisite testimonial.

The other letter from the Rev. Mr. Hull of New-Orleans, contradicting the injurious reports formerly circulated to the prejudice of Mr. Chase.—Whereupon,

Resolved, that this Committee will now proceed to sign the testimonial required by the fifth Canon of the General Convention. And it was accordingly signed by all the members present.—Adjourned.

CHARLES H. WHARTON, *President.*

Perth-Amboy, April 30, 1819.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd, James Parker, Esq.
L. P. Bayard, Robert Boggs, Esq.
John Croes, Jun. Peter Kean, Esq.

Mr. G. H. Woodruff, a Candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocess, made application, through the Rev. Mr. Rudd, for the testimonial required by the twelfth canon of the General Convention, in order to his being admitted to Deacons' orders.

The testimonials laid before the Committee in favor of Mr. Woodruff being satisfactory, it was resolved to grant the testimonial required.—Adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro Tem.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, present to the Convention the following report.

That the circumstances of the Fund did not admit of their engaging a clergyman to succeed the Rev. Mr. Stratton, as a Missionary, earlier than the last spring. That they were then so happy, through the agency of their President, to engage the Rev. George H. Woodruff, a Deacon in the Diocess, to act in that capacity, and to devote the half of his services to the vacant churches, for the space of one year, from the 1st of June last. Mr. Woodruff is now engaged in the performance of his duties, and has already officiated at several Churches. The Directors hope, that they will be able, in future, to keep a Missionary regularly employed in that very important service.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Swedesborough, August 19, 1819.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, their Treasurer. *Dr.*

1818.		Dolls.	Cents.
August 21,	To cash paid Bishop Croes, in pursuance of a resolution of the Convention - - -	150	00
Oct. 24,	To cash paid William Myer, for printing the Journal of the Convention of the year 1818. - -	35	00
1819.			
May——,	To cash paid for Certificate No 655 of six pr. cent United States Stock for $ 250 - -	250	00
August 18,	To balance in the hands of the Treasurer -	159	97
		$594	97

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The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, their Treasurer. *Cr.*

		Dolls	Cts.
1818			
August 20,	By balance of cash in the Treasury, as reported in the Journal of 1818 - - -	189	13
1819.			
March 26,	By principal and interest of Bond No. III.	211	67
August 4,	By interest of Note No. XV.	14	00
7,	By do. Bond No. I.	28	00
	By do. do No. IV.	10	50
	By do. Note No VII.	10	50
	By do. do. No IX.	7	00
	By do. Bond No. XIII.	10	50
	By interest on Certificate, No. 250. of Stock of the U. States for $500 for one year, ending July 1, 1819	30	00
	By interest on Certificate, No 655 from April 1, 1819. to July 1, 1819 for $250 - -	3	75
August 17,	By cash collected at St John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,	15	50
	By do do. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	20	00
18,	By do. do St Peter's Freehold, -	4	50
	By do. do. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	7	17
	By do. do. St Andrew's, Mount-Holly, -	11	00
	By do. do. Trinity-Church, Newark, -	21	75
		$594	97

August 19,	By balance in cash in the Treasurer's hands	159	97
	By Bond in his hands No. I. - - -	400	00
	By do. do. No IV. - - -	150	00
	By Note do. No. V. - - -	165	00
	Interest due, - - - -	11	55
	By do. do. No. VII. - - -	150	00
	By do. do. No. IX. - - -	100	00
	By Bond do. No. XIII. - - -	150	00
	By do. do. No. XIV. - - -	500	00
	By Note do for interest (in suit) - -	94	29
	By do. do. No. XV. - - -	200	00
	By 6 pr. cent Stock, - - - - -	750	00
	By a loan to the Bishop's Fund - - -	400	00
	Amount of Missionary Fund,	$3330	81

Errors excepted, WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

Examined with the vouchers, August 19, 1819.

JOHN C. RUDD,
WM. COXE, } *Committee.*

A LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESS OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church Burlington.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector-elect of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. Daniel Higbee, residing at Moorestown.

The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, a Deacon, performing ministerial dutie s,at Morris-Town.

The Rev. Augustus Fitch, a Deacon, performing ministerial duties, at the Chapel, at Belleville.

The Rev. George H. Woodruff, a Deacon, officiating as a missionary among the vacant churches in the Diocess.

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Wednesday, August 23, 1820.

THIS being the day, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, assembled in Trinity-Church, Newark, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Abiel Carter, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. George Y. Morehouse.

The Bishop then took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and Peter Kean, Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The Committee reported, that Deputies were present from eight Churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D.D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's-Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's-Church, Perth-Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of St. Michael's-Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Church, Newton, and St. James's-Church, Knowlton in

Sussex County; and Missionary to the vacant Churches, in the Diocess.*

The Rev. Augustus Fitch, Deacon, residing at Belleville, in this Diocess, was admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Of the Laity, there were present,

Messrs. George Nelson, Thomas Whitlock, Caleb Sayres, Frederick Babcock, Enoch Lee; } Trinity-Church, Newark.

Matthias D. De Hart, Esq. Peter Kean, Esq. and Mr. John S. Stone; } St. John's-Church, Elizabeth-Town.

Mr. Robert B. Croes, Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

Messrs. Jacob White, Edmund West, and Benjamin Holmes, } Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

Messrs. Daniel Terrill, and Edward Mundy, } Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

Mr. David Allison, St. Mary's-Church, Burlington;

Mr. Charles C. Stratton, Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. St. Peter's-Church, Berkeley.

The number of Churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum; the members took their seats, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Jun. was elected.

The following rules of order were then, on motion, adopted by the Convention.

1. Divine service shall be performed, on every morning, during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President assumes the chair, each member shall take his seat.

3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, and, if necessary, be corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.

* The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent. The Rev. Abraham Beach, D.D. the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D.D. the Rev. George H. Woodruff, and the Rev. Richard F. Cadle.

4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.

5. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and, on any controversy respecting order, the president shall decide.

6. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.

7. A motion of postponement or amendment shall always be in order, and considered as the previous question.

8. On motion to adjourn, the question shall be put without debate.

9. No member shall speak oftener than thrice on the same question, without leave of the President.

10. At the request of the President, or, on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, and shall take a vote for that purpose.

11. In the election of Delegates to the General Convention, each order shall choose its own representatives, to be approved of by the other order.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.

13. The doors of the Convention shall be open, for the admission of such persons as may wish to know their proceedings.

14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission, under the penalty of censure, to be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

15. Two thirds of each order may expel a member for impropriety of conduct, during the sitting of the Convention.

16. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*, unless required to be decided by ballot.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then delivered the following address:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY,

IN making the annual communication, required by the canons, I begin with stating to you, that the first church, I visited, after the rise of the last Convention, was St. Peter's, Spotswood, in the county of Middlesex, at which I officiated. This took place on Sunday the 19th of September, 1819.

On the 1st of October, I visited the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, in the county of Hunterdon; and on Sunday the 3d, I also visited St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria, in the same county; in both of which, I officiated. These churches are still vacant, though, from the kindness and zeal of the Rev. Mr. Woodruff, the latter has lately enjoyed very frequent opportunities of divine service, and of hearing the word.

On the succeeding Sunday, (October 10th,) I visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, in the county of Monmouth, and officiated twice. The next day, I preached at St. Peter's Church, Freehold; and, on Tuesday the 12th, at Christ-Church, Middletown, both in the county just mentioned.

In the month of November, I visited the congregation of St. Michael's Church, at Trenton; and, on Wednesday the 17th, consecrated the elegant edifice, which they had just erected for the worship of God.—On the following day, I instituted the Rev. Abiel Carter into the Rectorship of said Church. These events, considering the lately depressed condition of that church, cannot fail to afford great satisfaction to the friends of our communion, and to pious christians generally.

On Tuesday the 30th of the same month, I visited the congregation of Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, in Essex county, and officiated.

On Thursday, December 2d, I performed the same duties, in the vacant congregation at Paterson, in the same county; and on Friday the 3d, I visited St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, in the county of Bergen; but was prevented arriving in time, to officiate, according to appointment.

On Sunday the 6th of February, 1820, I again visited St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and officiated twice: and on Sunday the 23d April, I performed the same office, in that vacant congregation.

On Tuesday, the 2d of May, I held an ordination, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, and admitted to the order of Deacons, Clarkson Dunn of this Diocess.

From the 16th to the 24th of the same month, I atten-

ded a session of the General Convention of our Church, in Philadelphia.

On the intervening Sunday, May 21st, I visited St. Mary's Church at Colestown, in Gloucester county, and officiated. In the afternoon, I preached in the Academy at Camden, in the same county, to the Episcopalians, and others, residing in that village.

On Sunday the 28th of May, I visited St. George's Church, at Pennsneck, in Salem county, preached and administered the communion; and in the afternoon of the same day, I officiated at St. John's Church, Salem. On Monday, I proceeded to Swedesborough, in Gloucester County, and preached, in Trinity-Church, in that village. On Tuesday the 30th May, I repaired to St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, and officiated in the morning; and, on my return, performed the same service, in the afternoon, at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill. Both these churches are in Gloucester county, and still vacant. On Wednesday, I visited St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, in the same county, and preached. This church also continues vacant.

On Thursday, the 1st of June, I visited St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, and officiated in the evening.

On Sunday, the 4th of June, I again visited St. Michael's Church, Trenton, and officiated twice.

On the 13th of the same month, I set out, accompanied by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, lately ordained a Deacon—and whom, in virtue of the power vested in me, by the Directors of the Missionary Fund, I had appointed a Missionary—to visit the almost expiring Church at Newton, and the other declining Churches in Sussex County. It is known to many present, that, from causes beyond our controul, these hapless churches have, for more than thirty-five years, been destitute of a stated Pastor. The time had however arrived, when it became necessary, to prevent the total extinction, at least, of the first mentioned, that an extraordinary effort should be made to re-establish, and, in a considerable degree, re-organize them. This was especially the purpose of the visit, at this time. On our arrival, at Newton, the next day, measures were taken to ascertain what families and individuals, or their descendants, remained, who formerly

elonged to our communion, and still considered themelves as members of it. These, accompanied by Mr. Dunn, I visited, both in the village and surrounding country; and found them more numerous, and more friendly to the Church of their early attachment, than I had contemplated. In these visits we spent nearly four days, and finally had the satisfaction to see almost all, whom we had visited, assembled, on the succeeding Lord's day, in the Court room, at Newton—the place, in which the Church in her prosperous days, had been wont to worship God. Divine service was performed, and a sermon delivered, both morning and afternoon, to crouded congregations; and we parted, at the time, with the assurance given them, that Mr. Dunn, would take up his residence with them as a Missionary; and officiate, in the usual place of worship, on every second Sunday, at least for one year: the Episcopalians to contribute as much in aid of his support, as they conveniently could.

From Newton, I proceeded to Hardwick township, in which, the congregation, that once existed, is almost extinct. After some arrangements, relative to an appointment of service at Johnsonsburg, in that township; I visited the church at Knowlton, and made appointments to preach there, the succeeding Saturday, and also on the Lord's day following. This congregation possesses a convenient and substantial church, and, considering its long destitution of a stated Minister, is in a more favourable state, than could be expected.

In the interim, Mr. Dunn preached at Hope, a village in the vicinity; and went to Johnsonburgh with the same view; but the notice sent, had not been communicated. The services, on Saturday, were performed by Mr. Dunn. On Sunday I preached to a numerous congregation, and administered the communion to eighteen persons, besides baptizing two children. After the usual intermission, Mr. Dunn also preached; and notice was given, in conformity with a previous understanding, that he would officiate there, every fourth Sunday, during the space of year, under the same condition relative to support, was agreed on, at Newton. On the same afternoon,

6 o'clock, I officiated again in the congregation at Hardwick.

This effort, I hope, will not fail of success, especially as there is full ground to believe, that Mr. Dunn, under the Divine blessing, will make every exertion to ensure it.

The remaining Sundays of the year, he is to devote to the other vacant churches in the Diocess.

On my return from Sussex, I visited, on Wednesday the 28th of June, St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, Middlesex county, and officiated.

The Sunday succeeding, (July 2d) I visited St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, Essex County, administered confirmation to 29 persons, and preached twice.

On Sunday the 23d of July, I visited Trinity-Church, at Woodbridge, in Middlesex County, still vacant, and performed Divine service, and preached.

I visited also, on Sunday, the 6th of August, the vacant church, at Piscataway, in the same County, and preached to a large congregation.

On Sunday, the 20th of August, I visited Trinity-Church, Newark, and officiated twice.

On the succeeding day, I visited the Episcopalians, at Williamsville, in the township of Orange, County of Essex, and preached; and on Tuesday the 22d, I again visited Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, in the same county, and performed the same service.

Some improvements, and some changes have occurred in the Diocess, since my last address.

The Chapel at Belleville, has been repaired, new modelled internally, and beautified.

The Rev. F. H. Cuming a Deacon of this Diocess, and, for some months, an acceptable preacher to the Episcopalians at Morris-Town, has, by a letter dimissory to Bishop Hobart, been transferred to the Diocess of New-York. The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, a Deacon, in the Diocess of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Bishop of that Diocess, become a member of this; and has been received as their minister, by the congregations of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck. This is an event which affords

much satisfaction, as those churches, with very little exception, had been vacant upwards of thirty years.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, for many years the Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, has resigned his charge of that church, and removed to the Diocess of Virginia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass of the Diocess of Pennsylvania, it is said, has engaged to become the Successor of Mr. Wilmer, at Swedesborough.

It will give pleasure to the friends of the Church to learn, that the funds of the Episcopal Society, in this Diocess, for promoting Christian knowledge and piety, are gradually increasing; that the disposable fund, enables the Society to distribute numerous copies of the bible, prayer-book and of religious tracts; and that the time cannot be far distant, when the proceeds of its permanent fund, will put it in their power, to give some considerable assistance to pious, though indigent young men, of talents, who are desirous of preparing themselves for the ministry. It cannot, however, but occasion pain and regret, that the interests of the Society are left to the zeal and exertions of a few;—that an institution ultimately so important, should not enlist in its service, the good wishes and the endeavours of all the Clergymen, and of all the Churches, in the Diocess.

The Sunday Schools, heretofore established in the Churches, are progressing, I understand, with vigour. Their utility cannot be doubted, either as conducing to the extension of knowledge, or of piety and morality, among the children of the poor. It would contribute to their increase and prosperity, should every clergymen of a congregation, and the wardens of every vacant church, in which a Sunday School exists, be required to make a report annually, of its state, its advancement, or decline.

From these statements, and from the parochial reports, which will be presented to you, no doubt can exist, that the Church in this Diocess, is gradually improving, both in its spiritual and temporal concerns.

It is, with satisfaction, I also communicate to you, that the Rev. Dr. Brownell, whom I mentioned in my last address, as elected Bishop of the Diocess of Connecticut, has since been consecrated to that Holy Office.

It was my intention, having been invited to assist in the consecration, to go to New-Haven for the purpose; but severe indisposition prevented me.

In addition to the facts here communicated, you will no doubt hear, with pleasure, that, from the reports made at the General Convention, which lately sat in Philadelphia; the state of our Church, through the Divine blessing, has much improved, within the three preceding years. Its borders have been considerably extended, its numbers increased, a large accession made to its ministers, and a growing zeal in its interests, and in the practice and promotion of piety, generally manifested. It is, in some degree, an evidence of these truths, that a General Convention of our Church, so numerous, had never before assembled. Eight of the Episcopal Order, and a delegation from the Church, in fifteen States, consisting of thirty-six clergymen, and twenty-seven lay gentlemen, were present; besides a considerable number of clergymen, who attended as visiters.

These favours call for our grateful acknowledgments to the Great Head of the Church, and for renewed endeavours, always in dependance on Divine aid, to live more to his glory; and to devote ourselves more faithfully to his service, in promoting the great interests of that Body, which he purchased with his blood.

JOHN CROES.

Newark, August 23, 1820.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Half past three o'clock, P. M. the Convention assembled.

On Motion, resolved, that the Bishop be requested to cause the Canons, and such other selections from the Journal of the last General Convention, as he may think proper, to be printed as an appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd presented, in behalf of the Standing Committee, a report of the proceedings of that body, which was read, and ordered to be annexed to the printed journal.

On motion, resolved, that, in cases, in which any person, appointed a deputy to the General Convention, shall

decline serving, or shall be unable to attend; the Standing Committee are hereby authorized, on a summons from the President, to assemble, and appoint a deputy to supply his place; and it is hereby made the duty of the person so declining, or being unable to attend, to give timely notice of either of these circumstances, to the President of the Standing Committee. In cases of death, the President shall call a meeting, on the mere knowledge of the event; and the Standing Committee shall proceed to appoint a deputy, in the place of the deceased. In all cases of appointment by the Standing Committee, the deputy shall be furnished with a special certificate, signed by the President, and stating the circumstances, under which he is appointed.

The following parochial reports of the Clergy were presented to the Convention by the Bishop, and read.

Trinity-Church, Newark:

REV. LEWIS P. BAYARD, Rector.

Families and Contributors,	73
Communicants, 4 added, 2 deceased,	109
Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infants, 30,	31
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	16

Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

Communicants, about	12
Baptisms,	18
Marriages,	2
Burials,	6

St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

REV. JOHN C. RUDD, Rector.

Families and Contributors, about	90
Communicants,	98
Baptisms, Adults, 3 Infants, 25	28
Marriages,	4
Burials, of those belonging to the Congregation, 7 Others, 4	11

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

REV. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, about		40
Communicants, removed and died, 5 Added, 4		46
Baptisms,		1
Marriages,		4
Funerals,	1 Adult, 3 Children,	4

The Sunday School of this Church is in a flourishing state, being still well attended on the part of the teachers and scholars.

Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The RIGHT REV. JOHN CROES, D.D. Rector.

Families, about		54
Communicants,	2 deceased, 2 removed, 8 admitted,	50
Baptisms,	5 at home, 11 abroad,	16
Marriages,		4
Funerals,	5 of the Congregation, 4 of others,	9

The Sunday-School of this Church, continues flourishing. The attention of the teachers, unwearied.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middle-Town.

REV. JOHN CROES, Jun. Rector.

Families, about		60
Communicants,		53
Baptisms,		7
Marriages,		1
Funerals,	of the Congregation, 4 of others, 3	7

Christ-Church, Newton.

REV. CLARKSON DUNN, Minister.

Families, about	45
Communicants,	6

St. James's Church, Knowlton.

THE SAME, Minister.

Families,	54
Communicants,	18

St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

REV. ABIEL CARTER, Rector.

Communicants,		50
Baptisms,	Adults, 1 Children, 21	22
Marriages,		2
Burials,		6

The Church edifice of this Parish, which was commenced in the Spring of last year, has been finished, and was consecrated on the seventeenth of November last. The Congregation continues to increase, and the members evince a laudable zeal for the prosperity of the Church.

There is a small Sunday-School attached to this Church, and exertions are making for rendering it more extensive and useful.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

REV. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D.D. Rector.

Communicants, about	50
Baptisms,—infants	5
Marriages,	2
Burials,	10

Attendance regular and devout.

Attachment to the Church and her services, sensibly increasing, excepting a backwardness towards the sacrament of baptism, which the Rector has not been able, with all his efforts, to counteract.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

REV. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector.

Families, about		50
Communicants,		25
Baptisms,	Adults, 1 Infants, 1	2
Marriages,		2
Funerals,		2

The state of this Church is pleasing, and the prospect promising.

St. George's Church, Penn's Neck.

REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, Minister.

Baptisms, Infants, - - 9

*St. John's Church, Salem.**

The same, Minister.

Funerals, - - - - - 1

Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

(VACANT.)

Families, about - - - - 12
Communicants, - - - - - 6
Marriages, - - - - - 1

This Church has been generally opened on Sundays, for divine service, during the last year. In consequence of which, the responses are made much better, than formerly; and the number of attendants has considerably increased.

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

(VACANT.)

Families, about - - - - 20
Communicants, - - - - - 24
Baptisms, { Adults, 1 / Infants, 4 } - - 5

This Church still continues to be opened every Sunday, when divine service is performed, and a sermon read. Clergymen from different parts have occasionally visited the congregation, and administered the sacraments. There appears to be an increasing zeal and attention, and we still continue to hope, that, ere long, she will be able, by uniting with some other vacant church, to call a minister.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Ministers, in this Diocess, and, where there is no Minister, of the

* Mr. Cadle has been the minister of the above churches, only a few weeks.

Church-Wardens, to make reports, at every annual Convention, of the Sunday-Schools in their respective parishes, stating their number of scholars and teachers and such other particulars as may be deemed interesting to the members of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

Whereas, the establishment of a Grammar-School and College, to be conducted upon principles calculated to secure the patronage of the friends of the church, is an object of essential importance to its interests; and *whereas*, New-Jersey is advantageously situated to be the seat of such an institution;

Resolved, therefore, That a committee be appointed, who, together with the Bishop, shall take this subject into consideration, with power to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient, for the organization and support of such Grammar School and College; and that said Committee make report of their progress to the next Convention.

The persons appointed to constitute the Committee, were the Rev. Mr. Rudd, the Rev. Mr. Croes, Jun. the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, and Peter Kean, Robert Boggs, and William Chetwood, Esquires.

The Clergy were then called on for their reports of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal.*
In Trinity Church, Newark,	00 00	31 02
From the Missionary Society of Newark,	57 00	00 00
In St. John's, Elizabeth-Town,	16 77	21 20
In St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy,	8 00	6 9
In St. James's, Piscataway,	1 00	00 00
In Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	14 00	00 00
In Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	13 00	8 25
In Christ-Church, Middletown,	00 00	3 00
In St. Michael's Church, Trenton,	18 00	29 73
In St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly,	9 50	00 00*

* Mr. Morehouse reported, that, owing to circumstances, a collection for the Bishop's fund had not yet been made in St. Andrew's, Mount Holly; but assured the Convention, that it should be made, on his return.

	Missionary Fund.	Episcopal
In St. Peter's, Berkeley,	5 00	00 00
In Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	10 00	00 00
In St. George's Church, Penn's Neck,	00 00	2 50
In the Church at Paterson,	3 00	00 00

The Bishop informed the Convention, that he had received a communication from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemp of Maryland, stating, that, in consequence of receiving a letter from the Rev. Wm. L. Gibson, a Presbyter in that Diocess, declaring that he "resigned his office in the Ministry of the Church, and renounced his membership in the same," he, the Bishop, had, in conformity with the canons, "displaced the said Rev. William L. Gibson, from his grade, in the Ministry of this Church."

The Clergy were then called on for reports of services, rendered as Missionaries to vacant Churches. In compliance with which,—

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard reported, that, agreeably to appointment by the Bishop, he had officiated, on two Sundays, during the past year, at the village of Belleville, and administered the communion. That he had preached also, on two Sundays at the village of Paterson; and likewise several times, on week-days, at Williamsville, in the township of Orange.

The Rev. J. C. Rudd reported, that he had officiated on a Sunday (twice) in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, while the Bishop was absent; that he had been prevented, by indisposition, from officiating, in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood; but that he has made an appointment to perform that duty, on the third of September next.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated two Sunday afternoons, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and one Sunday in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, for the Bishop, while he was performing Episcopal duties, in other Churches.

The Rev. J. Croes, Jun. reported, that he had officiated twice, on a Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood; once, on a week-day, and once on a Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, Freehold, on which last occasion he administered the communion.

The Rev. A. Carter reported, that he officiated, one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. G. Y. Morehouse reported, that he had, agreeably to appointment, officiated, on one Sunday, at St. Mary's-Church, Colestown; and on one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, while the Bishop was administering the rite of confirmation, in St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town; that he likewise officiated, on a week-day evening, in St. Peter's-Church, Berkeley.

The Convention then went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention, for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were appointed,

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
J. C. Rudd,	Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Peter Kean, Esq.
A. Carter,	Matthias D. De Hart, Esq.
of the Clergy;	of the Laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	James Parker, Esq.
Mr. Rudd,	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
Mr. Croes, Jun.	Joseph Higbee, Esq.
Mr. Carter,	Peter Kean, Esq.
of the Clergy;	of the Laity.

On Motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, August 24.

The Convention met, at 10 o'clock.

Matthias Ogden, Esq. of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, and Mr. George A. Hollister, and James E. Parker, Esq. of Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, appeared, and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Croes withdrew the amendment to the first article of the Constitution, proposed by him last year, and, in lieu thereof, submitted the following proposition; that the word *Shrewsbury* be inserted between the words Mount-Holly and Elizabeth-Town.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following alteration of the tenth article of the Constitution.

In place of the tenth article of the Constitution, as it now stands, the following be substituted. The Standing Committee, to be appointed, in pursuance of the fourth Canon of the General Convention, shall consist of an equal number of both orders, three of whom, when assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In all cases, in which it may be necessary for the Committee to act, the President (who shall always be one of their body) shall give notice to each member, of the time and place of meeting. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and report the same to the succeeding Convention.

Wm. P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, transmitted statements of his accounts, which were read, and, on motion, committed to the Rev. Mr. Carter, and Joseph V. Clark, Esq. to examine and report thereon.

On motion, resolved, that the following persons be requested and appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Episcopal fund, in those Parishes, in which subscriptions have not yet been obtained; and to collect such moneys in their several vicinities, as have been already subscribed, but not collected.

Peter Kean, Esq. at Elizabeth-Town;

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. at Berkeley and its vicinity;

Daniel Garrison, Esq. at Salem, and Penn's-Neck;

And Mr. Jacob White at Shrewsbury and Middletown.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention be, and he is hereby, directed, to invest all the moneys collected for the Episcopal fund, in six per cent stock of the United States, provided the price of that stock shall not be more, than one per cent above par. But whenever the price shall be higher, he shall, in that case, loan any moneys, in his possession, to respectable individuals, on bonds with interest, secured by mortgages on unincumbered real estate of double the value of the sum lent.

The Treasurer may also receive in lieu of money, promissory notes, on interest, payable to him, in his of-

ficial capacity, on demand, from persons, who have subscribed or may hereafter subscribe to the fund.

So much of the resolution, adopted at the Convention, at Perth Amboy, in 1816, as requires the Treasurer to invest the moneys belonging to the Episcopal fund, in six per cent stock of the United States alone, is hereby repealed.

The Secretary laid before the Convention a communication, which he had received from the Rev. Mr. Rudd, assistant Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, which was ordered to be entered on the journal. The communication is as follows:

"Resolved, that it be made known to the several State Conventions, of this church, that it is proposed to consider, at the next General Convention, and, if deemed expedient, finally to ratify the following alteration of the first article of the Constitution."

"By striking out so much of the first article as relates to the time of holding the General Convention, and by inserting after the words "United States of America" in the said article, the words "*and in such time in every third year, and;*" and further by inserting after the word "Convention" the following clause; "*and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of the Convention, the Presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another convenient place (as near as may be to the place fixed on) for holding such Convention.*"

The Rev. Mr. Chapman, and Messrs. Benjamin Holmes, Jacob White, and Edmund West, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till half past three o'clock, in the afternoon.

Half past 3 o'clock P. M. the Convention met.

Resolved, that Philemon Dickerson, Esq. a representative from the congregation at Paterson, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report:

"We have examined the accounts and find them correct, and" also (in the account, relative to the Episcopal Fund) "that there is in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, one hundred and sixty one dollars and twenty-six cents."

ABIEL CARTER,
JOSEPH V. CLARK.

This report, on motion of Mr. Rudd, was accepted, and it was ordered that the statements of the accounts be printed, in an appendix to the Journal.

Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay to the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, one hundred and fifty dollars out of any moneys, that may have been, or shall be received, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Missionary fund, presented, through their President, a report of their proceedings, during the last year, which was read and ordered to be printed with the journal. *See Appendix, No. II.*

It was moved and carried, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D. D.
Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested, John Croes, Jr. Secretary.

*** The next annual Convention will be held at Mount-Holly on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday in August, 1821.

☞ *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were

duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

LIST OF THE CLERGY, IN THE DIOCESS OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Rt. Rev. John Croes, D.D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D.D. residing near New-Brunswick.

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APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, for the year, commencing August 19, 1819.

Perth-Amboy, October 25, 1819.

The members of the Standing Committee met, pursuant to notice

PRESENT,

The Rev. John C. Rudd, John Croes, Jun. James Chapman, James Parker, Esq. Peter Kean, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was chosen President, this being the first meeting of the Committee after their appointment. Rev. J. C. Rudd was appointed Secretary, and acted as President pro tem.

Application was made for the consent of this Committee to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D.D. L.L.D. Bishop elect of the Diocess of Connecticut, agreeably to the fifth Canon of the General Convention.

The documents laid before the Committee from the Standing Committee of Connecticut, being satisfactory, the Committee consented to the consecration, and accordingly transmitted the testimonial to that effect, required by the third canon of the General Convention.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro Tem.*

New-Brunswick, May 1, 1820.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

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New-Brunswick, May 1, 1820.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. John C. Rudd,	James Parker, Esq.
James Chapman,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
John Croes, Jun.	

Mr Clarkson Dunn made application for the testimonial required by the twelfth Canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Deacons' Orders. The certificates in favor of Mr. Dunn, having been read and approved; it was resolved to grant him the testimonial required.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN CHURCHILL RUDD, *Pres't. Pro Tem.*

APPENDIX NO. II.

The Board of Directors, to whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention :—

That in the month of June, 1819, as was stated in their last report, they, through their President, engaged the Rev. George H. Woodruff to perform the duties of a Missionary to the vacant Churches in the Diocess, on every second Sunday, for the space of one year; and in consideration of the expense he would incur, they agreed to allow him, out of the fund, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Woodruff, however, finding it inconvenient, partly on account of his health, to continue the Mission longer than six months, requested to be released from the further performance of the obligation. This request was of course granted.

From Mr. Woodruff's report to the Bishop, who is ex officio President of the Board, it appears, that he has in execution of the trust committed to him, performed Divine service and preached, in the vacant Churches, upwards of forty times, within that period, viz.

On two Sundays, in the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell.

On two Sundays, (three times) in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria.

On one Sunday, (twice) in St. Peter's, Freehold.

On two Sundays, in St. Peter's, Spotswood.

On two Sundays, (four times) and once, on a week day, at St. James's, Knowlton.

On two Sundays, (three times) at Newton.

On two Sundays, and one week-day, at St. Peter's Berkeley.

On three week-days, at Woodbury.

On a Sunday, (three times) at Paterson.

On a Sunday, and a week-day, at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

On a Sunday, at St. James's, Piscataway.

On a Sunday, and on a week-day, at St. Mary's, Colestown.

On two Sundays, and a week-day, at St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill.

On a Sunday, at St. George's, Pennsneck.

On a Sunday, at St. John's, Salem.

On a Sunday, in Greenwich.

On a week-day at Hardwick.

On two Sundays and a week-day, at Swedesborough, in exchange.

On a Sunday, (once) at Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, for the Bishop, while he visited the Church at Spotswood.

Mr. Woodruff also reports, that the collections for the Missionary Fund, during his mission, amounted to $39. 82 1-2.

The Board have, with pleasure, learned from their President, who has since visited the vacant Churches, that the services of Mr. Woodruff were highly acceptable to the several congregations; and that the people speak of him with great affection and respect. The Board also express their approbation of his zeal and fidelity, in the discharge of the duties assigned him; and trust, that they have had beneficial effects, both, in tending to preserve to our communion, those destitute Churches; and in promoting their spiritual interests.

The Board further report, that the Rev. Clarkson Dunn has been engaged as a Missionary for one year to the vacant Churches, in Sussex County, and in other parts of the Diocess; and is now in the regular performance of his duties. Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Newark, August 24, 1820.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, their Treasurer.

		Dr. Dolls.	Cents.
1819.			
August 29.	To Cash paid Bishop Croes, by order of Convention, of August inst.	150	00
Oct. 7.	To Cash paid William Myer, for printing Journal of Convention for the year 1819.	47	38
Dec. 14.	To Cash paid Rev. G. H. Woodruff, on account of services rendered as a Missionary.	85	17
	To Cash paid do. in full.	39	82 1 2
1820.			
May 13.	To Cash loaned, sealed Bill numbered XVI.	190	02
Aug. 23.	To balance in the hands of the Treasurer.	300	53

STATE OF THE FUND.

Cash in the Treasury	300 53
Bond No. I.	400 00
Do. No. IV.	150 00
Do. No. VII.	150 00
Do. No. IX.	100 00
Do. No. XIII.	150 00
Do No. XIV.	500 00
Note for interest in suit,	94 20
Bond No. XV.	150 00
Do No. XVI.	190 02
Six per cent stock,	750 00
Loan to the Bishop's fund,	550 00
Amount of Missionary Fund,	$3484 84

$812 92 1-2

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1819.			Dolls.	Cents.
August 19.	By balance of Cash in the Treasury		159	97
29.	By Cash received in part of principal of No. XV.		50	00
Oct. 7.	By do. of Robert Sharp on account of rents of property at Amwell.		95	89
	By interest 6 per cent. stock.		11	25
Dec 14.	By do. received of Rev. G. H. Woodruff, Collections in the following churches:			
	St. Thomas, Alexandria,	2 30		
	St. Peters, Freehold,	3 68		
	St. Peters, Spotswood,	5 00		
	St. James, Knowlton,	3 19		
	Do. do.	3 07		
	Church at Paterson,	5 00		
	Trinity, Woodbridge,	2 82		
	St. James, Piscataway,	0 78		
	St. Mary, Colestown,	6 00		
	St. Peter's, Berkeley,	3 00		
	St. Stephens, Mullica Hill,	2 75		
	St. George's, Pennsneck,	2 23		
			39	82 1-2
1820.				
Jan. —	By Interest 6 per cent. stock		11	25
April —	By do. do.		11	25
May 1.	By a collection St. Peter's Church Amboy,		8	00
13.	By principal and interest of No. V, 2 years and 2 months interest,		190	02
15.	By collection, St John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,		16	72
July 1.	By interest 6 per cent. stock to this day,		11	25
Aug. 7.	By collection, Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,		14	00
Aug. 17.	By interest 1 year, No. XIII.		10	50
	By do. do. No. IV.		10	50
	By do. do. No. XV.		10	50
August	By do. No. I.		28	00
	By do. No. VII.		10	50
	By do. No. IX.		7	00
22.	By collection, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury		13	00
	By do. St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly,		9	50
	By do. Trinity-Church, Newark,		57	00
	By do. St. Peter's, Berkeley,		5	00
	By do. St. Michael's, Trenton,		18	00
	By do. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,		10	00
	By do. St. James's, Piscataway,		1	00
	By do. Church at Paterson,		3	00
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Errors excepted. WM. P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

The Bishop's fund of New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

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1820.		
April	To cash paid for a scrip of funded seven per cent stock of 1815 of $500,	528 75
Aug. 23.	To balance of cash in the Treasury.	310 53
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1820.		
January	By cash received on draught of Rev. John C. Rudd,	243 75
April 20.	By do. subscription of Isaac Lawrence, Esq.	200 00
May 29.	By cash received J. C. Rudd,	200 00
July 1.	By interest on scrip one quarter,	8 75
Aug. 7.	By collection Trinity church, Newark,	10 51
10.	By do. St. Peter's Church Perth Amboy,	6 03
8.	By cash received of E. W. Dunham, Esq. collected from subscribers in New Brunswick, to th is fund,	115 00
22.	By collection, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	8 25
	By do. do. Middletown,	3 00
	By do. St. John's, Elizabeth-Town,	21 20
	By do. St. Michael's, Trenton,	29 73
	By do. Trinity Church, Newark,	20 43
	By do. St. George's, Pennsneck,	2 50
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WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX NO. IV.

Extracts from the Journal of the proceedings of a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America held in the city of Philadelphia, from the 16th to the 24th of May inclusive, A. D. 1820.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

Abstract of a report on the state of the Church, prepared by a Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, adopted by that body, and sent to the House of Bishops.

"The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th canon, have taken a general view of the state of the church, and offer to the house of bishops the result of their inquiries, respectfully requesting that venerable body to draw up and cause to be published, a pastoral letter to the members of the church

Maine.

The church in the state of Maine, which, for many years had become greatly depressed and almost extinct, has, within a few years assumed a more flourishing aspect. It consists of two congregations—the one in Gardiner, the other in Portland. Both of these congregations are supplied with pastors, whose labours have succeeded to the extent of the rational expectations of the friends of the church. Rev. G. W. Olney is the rector of Christ-Church, Gardiner; and Rev. P. S. Ten Broeck of St. Paul's Church, Portland.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the right Rev. bishop Griswold, a convention of delegates from those churches was held in Brunswick, on the 3d day of May, 1820, at which time, they acceded to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

of America, and elected delegates to the general convention. They are again annexed to the eastern diocess.

New-Hampshire.

There are nine Episcopal Churches in this state. St. John's Church in Portsmouth: Trinity-Church in Holderness, Union-Church in Claremont, endowed by Major Ashley late of that town, with property, which will probably yield an annual income of seven hundred dollars; a second Episcopal Church, is also established in Claremont; the Church in Cornish, St. Thomas's Church, Concord, organized in March 1818, Christ-Church at Bradford, organized in July, 1817, St. Peter's Church, Drewsville instituted three years ago, and Christ-Church at Hopkinton. In the vacant churches of this state, religious services are generally performed by lay readers, and occasionally they have been favoured with the labours of missionaries.

Number of Clergymen, four.

Massachusetts.

The church in this state still continues in as flourishing a situation as it was at the time of the meeting of the last general convention. The church at Marblehead, has been vacated by the removal of the Rev. B. B. Smith to the diocess of Virginia, and this it is believed is the only change of importance that has taken place. There is a very general attention paid to the observance of the canons and rubrics, and, with but very few exceptions, the established usages of the church. A large and elegant stone Church, of which the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. has been chosen rector, is now nearly completed in the town of Boston, besides which, a few small congregations have been collected in other towns. Exertions are making to call the attention of the friends of our church to the subject of missions to such small portions of our communion as are to be found in many parts of the state, a circular letter for this purpose has been published and it is expected that much good may result from such a measure. On the whole, we regard the situation of the church in this state as promising.

The Churches in this state are Trinity-Church, Christ-Church, and St. Paul's Church in Boston, St. Matthews,

South Boston, St. Peter's Church Salem, St. Paul's, Newburyport, St. James's, Greenfield, Trinity-Church, Montague, Christ-Church, Cambridge, St. Andrew's, Hanover, the Church at Quincy, Trinity, Marshfield, the Church at Bridgewater, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, St. James's Church, Great Barrington, the Church at Lenox, the Church at Lanesborough, the Church at Dedham, and the Churches in Newton, and Hoghinton.

Number of Clergymen, twelve.

Vermont.

The Church at Vermont appears to be in a prosperous condition; the number of communicants has considerably increased since the last report: three new churches have been erected and consecrated, and a subscription is now filled for building another this season at Windsor. A church is also erecting at Guilford, which last town we are informed has almost unanimously attached itself to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church. Some, new congregations have recently been organized, and all, it is hoped, are, through divine grace, increasing in piety and in the virtues of the christian life. Though there have been some acquisitions to the number of the clergy, there is still a want of the labours of more, and a wide field is open for their active and pious exertions. The extensive demesnes of the church in this state, are not yet secured; but a suit is now pending before the federal circuit court for their recovery, which, if gained, will place the temporalities of the church in a respectable condition.

Number of Clergymen, five.

Rhode-Island.

The church in Rhode Island continues in a prosperous and flourishing condition. During the last three years, one new church has been erected: Sunday schools have been established in all the congregations, and the number of communicants has very considerably increased. There is a church Missionary Society, in and for that state, which promises to be useful. In some of the parishes, at the present time, there is an awaken-

ed concern for spiritual things, and a more than usual attention to religious duties. There is also generally a decided and increasing attachment to the peculiarities of our communion: and it is believed that in no one of the United States, are the order, worship and rules of the Episcopal church, better, or more uniformly regarded.

The churches in this state, are St. Michael's, Bristol, Trinity, Newport, St. John's, Providence, St. Paul's, North Providence, St. Paul's, North Kingston, and St. Paul's South Kingston.

Number of Clergymen, seven.

Eastern Diocess, comprising Maine, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

In the eastern diocess, since the last general convention, eight hundred and sixty-six persons have been confirmed by the apostolic rite of laying on of hands.—Twenty have been admitted as candidates for holy orders; of whom there are ten still remaining on that list. Sixteen persons have been ordained Deacons; eleven Deacons have been admitted to the order of Priests. Seven new churches have been erected and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. Two more it is expected, will soon be finished. And a good house already built, has been obtained by a new parish in Claremont, New Hampshire. The churches have been regularly visited, and are generally in a flourishing state.

Connecticut.

Since the last general convention, in many respects, no material change has taken place. Of the clergy, several have removed, and some have been added. The *Notitiæ Parochiales* of the annual conventions evince a manifest increase of the church in the diocess, many particulars of which are necessarily omitted in consequence of the vacancy of the Episcopate for several years.—But it is with no small satisfaction we state, the recent consecration of the right Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D. L. L. D. to that sacred office. Under his ministrations, by the divine blessing, the increase of the church in piety, numbers, and respectability, is gradually advancing. Since his consecration, a number of

churches have been visited, and the holy rite of confirmation administered to about four hundred persons.

With regard to the fund for the support of the Episcopate, it appears from the report of the treasurer, at the last convention, that it then amounted to about sixteen thousand dollars; and there is a probability that the diocesan will soon be relieved from all parochial duties.

The churches generally are in good repair, and the congregations remarkable, not only for their regular attendance, but also for their fervency of devotion.

The Episcopal Academy of the diocess, at Cheshire, under the superintendence of the Rev. Tillotson Bronson, D. D., principal, and the Rev. Asa Cornwall, assistant, is flourishing, and the number of students gradually increasing,

On the whole, the diocess is, at present, more prosperous and flourishing than at any former period. The greatest harmony prevails among the clergy and laity, and all are peculiarly united in their attachment to the liturgy, and distinctive doctrines of the church.

The number of clergymen about forty.

New-York.

The diocess of New-York consists at present, of the bishop, fifty-six presbyters, fifteen deacons, and one hundred eighteen organized congregations.

Since the last General Convention, twenty-four persons have been admitted by the Bishop to the holy order of Deacons; and fourteen Deacons to the order of Priests. Six institutions to Rectorships have occurred, and nineteen other clergymen have taken charge of churches. Five additional Missionaries have been appointed. Seventeen persons are now candidates for orders. Fifteen new churches have been duly organized, and fifteen new buildings, erected for the worship of God, have been consecrated.

The reports of the missionaries and parochial clergy, published in journals of the last three conventions, furnish an aggregate of four thousand six hundred and eighty-nine baptisms, of which four hundred and nine are specified as cases of adults, and eighty-seven of Indi-

ans. The aggregate number of confirmations is not given in the journals of 1817 and 18. In 1819 the bishop reported one thousand four hundred and seventy-four. In that and the previous year, he confirmed one hundred and forty-five Indians. The number of communicants reported at the last convention, is four thousand two hundred and thirty-five.

No small share of the prosperity of this diocess is to be ascribed to missionary services. The number of labourers at present engaged in them is fifteen. The peculiar situation of the immense portion of the diocess formed by the western district of the state, renders these services indispensable, and should excite our brethren in New-York to increasing exertions in their support, while the similarity of cases between that section of their state and the new states and territories of our Union, should command for these services, as intimately connected with the duty of extending missionary labours to the latter, the approbation of the church generally.

It is proper that we here notice the efforts made by our brethren of this diocess, for the religious instruction of the Indians, within the borders of their state.—The Oneida tribe have now a handsome and commodious church, and are still enjoying the faithful services of their licensed catechist and lay-reader, Mr. Eleazer Williams, who is himself of Indian extraction, and a candidate for holy orders. He leads their devotion in their church, by the use of a translation of our liturgy into the Mohawk language; in which they join with every appearance of devout attention, and with the full effect of proper participation. A young Indian of the Onondaga tribe, son of a chief, who was killed in the service of the United States, during the last war, is now making suitable preparation for devoting ardent piety, great zeal, and natural talents of a most respectable order, to the work of the ministry among his countrymen.

The congregations of this diocess receive frequent visits from the Bishop. The clergy are generally distinguished for conscientious observance of the canons and rubrics of the church. The laity, in conjunction with their pastors, have formed numerous associations

for distributing the Holy Bible, the book of Common Prayer, and other approved religious books and tracts; for aiding the ecclesiastical authority in the support of missionaries; and for the interesting and inestimable charity of Sunday school instruction.

Upon the whole, we have reason to be thankful for the continuance of the divine blessing to this portion of our Zion, and to hope that it proves, in some good degree, instrumental in that promotion of the glory of God, of the interests of evangelical piety, and of the eternal welfare of the human race, for which the church of God was established.

New-Jersey.

The state of the church, in the diocess of New-Jersey, through the Divine goodness, still continues, however slowly, to improve.

Though there has been but one addition to the number of congregations, since the last report (the church at Paterson) yet there has been an increase of members and of communicants, in several. More clergymen now belong to the diocess, and possess cures, than at any former period. The churches, with scarcely an exception, are in excellent repair. One of which, St. Michael's church, at Trenton, has been lately rebuilt, in an elegant style, and others have been improved and repaired. The vacant churches have enjoyed the regular administration of the word and ordinances, more frequently than formerly. They have been annually visited by the Bishop, some of them oftener; several of them, by the Rectors in their vicinity; and all of them, by missionaries. There is, therefore, cause for gratitude to the Divine Head of the church, that, struggling with difficulties and discouragements, as our section of it has been for many years, we are yet permitted not only to live, but to anticipate, with considerable confidence, a still better state of our ecclesiastical affairs.

Since the preceeding general convention, the bishop of the diocess has admitted to priests' orders, the Rev. James Montgomery, formerly a deacon, in the diocess of Pennsylvania; and to deacons' orders, Samuel Creighton Stratton, (since removed to Maryland,) Fran-

is H. Cuming, (since removed to the diocess of New York,) George H. Woodruff, and Clarkson Dunn.

Two institutions have taken place within the sam time, the Rev. James Montgomery, to the rectorship c St. Michael's church, Trenton; (since removed to th diocess of New-York,) and the Rev. Abiel Carter, late ly of the diocess of Pennsylvania, to the same recto ship.

Two candidates for holy orders have been admittec

Confirmations have been administered in eight churcE es. The number confirmed was one hundred and fift three. The number of baptisms reported, since th last general convention, is four hundred and eighty-two and the present number of communicants, upwarc of eight hundred. The rubrics and canons of th church are generally observed with attention, and th authority of the church respected.

The funds of the corporation for the relief of widow and children of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopa Church in this state; of the Episcopal Society for promc ting christian knowledge and piety; and the fund fo supporting missionaries, have increased considerabl since the last report. The permanent fund of the Epis copal Society has advanced from four hundred and sev enty-five, to upwards of eight hundred dollars; at th same time, a very considerable number of bibles, pray er books, and religious tracts have been gratuitousl distributed by the society, among the needy member of the church, and others.

The number of instituted rectors, in the diocess, i nine. The whole number of clergymen, fifteen; thre more than were reported at the last meeting.

Pennsylvania.

There are, at this time, in the state of Pennsylvania thirty clergymen of the Episcopal Church; the greate part of whom are engaged in the discharge of parochia duty.

Sixteen persons have been ordained Deacons in thi diocess, since the last General Convention; and nin Deacons have been admitted to Priest's, orders. Ther are, at present, in the Diocess, nine candidates for or ders. Three clergymen have departed this life.

St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, St. Luke's church, Germantown, and Christ-church, Leacock, Lancaster county, have been consecrated by the bishop.

New churches are erecting at Lancaster, Easton, and Mantua.

Four recently organized parishes have been received into union with the convention of the diocess.

The number of baptisms since the last general convention, has been one thousand six hundred and sixty-eight, and of confirmations, seven hundred and twenty-four. The number of communicants reported to the last diocesan convention, is one thousand five hundred.

From the representations of the missionaries, who are sent out under the patronage of the society for the advancement of christianity in Pennsylvania, the agreeable intelligence is derived, that a degree of religious sensibility is perceptible among the members of our communion generally, and an attachment to the distinctive principles of our church, which, it is hoped, will, in time, lead to the most beneficial results. Under the influence of this pious zeal, the missionaries who have been sent into the interior parts of the state have been thankfully received and cordially welcomed; and under their labours, congregations have been collected and organized, which will soon be able to erect for themselves places of public worship and support their pastors.

Societies have been established and respectably supported, for Sunday school instruction, for distributing the book of Common Prayer, and religious tracts. The episcopal fund is rapidly increasing, and the corporation for the relief of widows and orphans of clergymen has an extensive fund which promises to answer the purposes of its establishment.

Upon the whole, it may be remarked, that the church in Pennsylvania, under the blessing of her Divine Founder and Head is as rapidly increasing in prosperity as, when all circumstances are considered, we have any reason to expect.

Delaware.

The state of affairs and the cause of religion, it is believed, are certainly improving; and it is hoped, the

set time to favour this part of our Zion is near at hand. Since the last general convention, several churches in the state have been repaired, and placed in good order, and have received considerable additions of families and communicants. There are fourteen churches in this state, and the most of them have regular and stated religious services; and those, which are not thus favoured, are visited occasionally by the clergy of the state. The Church in Wilmington has especially been favoured with God's blessing within two years past, and has arisen from its desolate state. At Newcastle the prospect is brightening. The churches in Kent county are promising. At Middletown, exertions have been made to rescue the fine building the congregation of St. Ann's possess, from dilapidation; and the labour, bestowed lately upon them, has not been vain.

The conventions of late have been more interesting, and as well attended; and the rules of the church are well observed. The Churches in Sussex county are in an improving state. Some of the congregations have made considerable exertions to repair their places of worship; and their labours have not been in vain.

There are in the state of Delaware, four officiating clergymen. There are about two hundred communicants. There have been one hundred and fourteen persons confirmed; and one candidate received to holy orders, viz: Mr. Wells Wolf.

Maryland.

It appears from the journals of conventions held in this diocess since the general convention, that eight hundred and nineteen persons have been confirmed, eight churches have been consecrated, fifteen persons have been admitted to holy orders; eight to the office of deacon, and seven to that of priest; and nineteen clergymen have removed into the diocess, from other states. Several religious societies have been established, and some are already productive of much good. Among these, are the "Prayer Book, and Homily society of Maryland," "the Baltimore Female Tract society," both of which receive some degree of support from

persons not residing in that city,) and the Sunday schools attached to the different parishes of the diocess. In several parishes, where the ministry could not be obtained or supported, gentlemen, distinguished by their piety and standing in society, have received from the bishop the appointment of lay readers; and thus are instrumental in preserving among the members of our church their attachment to her most devout and excellent services. Though much pressed by the cares of an extensive parish, containing about four hundred families, the bishop continues to discharge the duties of his office throughout the diocess, and it was remarked in his last statement to the annual convention, that, with the possible exception of some remote chapels, he had then completed his tour of episcopal visitation.

The canons and rubrics of the church are, it is believed, in most respects generally observed; and upon the whole, we are allowed to cherish the hope that the prosperity of the Protestant Episcopal Church continues to strengthen and increase in Maryland, that her principles are better understood than formerly, that prejudices once entertained against her are removed, that there is an increased attachment to her rites and ordinances, and that true religion is gaining ground in the hearts and lives of her members.

Virginia.

The Almighty continues his gracious smiles to this part of his church. Since the last general convention a considerable number of new congregations has been formed, and a large increase of ministers been added. The number of regular congregations is about fifty, and of officiating ministers thirty. The most delightful unity prevails amongst the ministers. A strong attachment binds them and their congregations together. The conduct of communicants is becoming more and more serious and consistent; and very few are now to be found, who bring reproach upon religion and the church by immoralities, or an attendance upon the vain and sinful amusements of the world. The services of the church are more punctually and zealously observed, and promise to be esteemed in proportion as they are

duly understood. The ordinance of baptism especially, which has hitherto been so neglected, or lightly and profanely performed, begins to excite the more serious attention of the clergy and laity. Whereas the directions of the rubric enjoin the most public and solemn performance of it, where the prayers of the whole congregation may be obtained, it has been too customary, either through a false modesty or irreligious indifference, to prevail upon ministers to disobey the rubric, and let down the ordinance to a mere private ceremony, which has often been accompanied with unbecoming frivolity and mirth. The impiety of such a proceeding now appears in its true colours; and a reformation has already begun and considerably advanced, which it is hoped, will be aided and supported by the general voice of the church.

In this diocess a fund for the Episcopate has been commenced.

The college of William and Mary has made an offer, which promises important benefits to students of theology, and has elected a clergyman of our church a professor therein, who will take charge of such students.

A society has been organized to assist indigent young men who are candidates for the ministry, and from which the most beneficial results may be expected.

North Carolina.

At a period no more remote than the fall of 1816, the Protestant Episcopal church in this state, was nearly at the lowest point of depression. There were, indeed, some who felt a lively interest in her welfare, and who wept when they remembered Zion. But, like Israel of old, they hung their harps upon the willows in almost hopeless anguish. Even those few houses of God, which had, for some years before, occasionally or statedly resounded with his praise, were closed and deserted: and the pious of our communion, though attached both by education and principle to the church of their fathers despairing of seeing her ever again arise from the dust stood ready to abandon her cause, and to unite them-

selves with any among whom they could enjoy, in any measure, the benefit of divine ordinances. But, blessed be the name of the Lord, the set time for Him to have compassion upon this part of Zion had come. He viewed with an eye of relenting mercy, the desolations with which his justice had visited her sins. The prayers of the faithful were heard by the great Head of the church, and the decree was sent forth—Let Jerusalem be rebuilt.

In the Spring of 1817, was held the first Protestant Episcopal Convention, ever held in North Carolina.—At which were present lay delegates from four different parishes, and three of the clergy, whom Divine Providence, had, for the time being, brought to that state.—Of these, two have since removed, the Rev. Bethel Judd, rector of St. John's church, Fayetteville, to whom has succeeded the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell; and the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, rector of Christ-Church, Newbern, whose place is now supplied by the Rev. Richard S. Mason. Besides these three, the church in this state is blessed at present, with the labours of four others, the Rev. John Avery, rector of St. Paul's church, Edenton; the Rev. John Phillips, who is settled in Trinity-church, Tarborough, and performs stated services at various places in its vicinity: the Rev. William Hooper, Professor in the University of North Carolina; and the Rev. Thomas Wright, missionary. Mr. Hooper will also act in the capacity of missionary, as far as it may be in his power; and the Rev. John Toland is daily expected who will engage in the same service.

Besides these seven clergy, there are at present six candidates for holy orders.

Since the last general convention, the right Rev. Richard C. Moore, D.D. has admitted the Rev. Richard S. Mason to the holy order of priesthood; and William Hooper, Thomas Wright, and Henry M. Shaw, to that of deacons. The last mentioned of these gentlemen, has since removed to the diocess of New-York.

The right Rev. Bishop Moore has also consecrated a new church lately erected in Fayetteville, by the name of St. John's church; and held confirmation at various places, where were confirmed as follows: Fayetteville, sixty; Newbern, fifty-three; Edenton, thirty:

Wilmington, one hundred and thirty-eight; amounting in all to two hundred and eighty-one.

It may tend farther to throw light on the condition and history of the church in this state to remark, that, a few years ago, the number of communicants in all our churches did not exceed fifty; whereas, they amount now to more than three hundred and fifty; that besides the Protestant Episcopal missionary society of North Carolina, various charitable and religious societies have been established by the members of our communion; that bible classes and Sunday schools are to be found in almost every parish; and that the baptisms reported at the several diocesan conventions since the last general convention, are two hundred and seventy five; of which twenty are stated to be cases of adults.

Since the church was organized in this state, ten parishes have, at different times been represented in the annual conventions; and at least six more places will organize churches as soon as they are visited by the missionaries that have lately been appointed for that purpose.

We are happy in reporting that, as far as we know and believe, the clergy in this section of the country strictly observe the canons and rubrics of the church. The case of private baptism forms it is believed the only exception; and in that article, even, a reformation has commenced, which, we trust, will ere long become complete and universal.

By the good providence of our God, the church in this state has obtained help of the Lord at the very time when she seemed most likely to become extinct. Had this help been delayed but a few years longer, death would probably have swept away all those episcopal predilections which yet exist in every section of the country; and which, by the blessing of Heaven, will become the seminal principles by which the church, like the fabled Phœnix, shall arise from her ashes. Her prospects are every day brightening more and more. Her friends are every where excited to hope and exertion. May their most sanguine hopes soon be realized! may the great Head of the church prosper the work! and may this section of Zion speedily become the joy of the whole earth.

South Carolina.

The diocess of South Carolina, it appears, has been deeply afflicted since the meeting of the last general convention. The clergy and laity of that church have not only to deplore the loss of their late diocesan, the right Rev. Dr. Dehon, the recollection of whose virtues and talents they love to cherish in their hearts; but death hath also deprived them of the Rev. Dr. Percy, late rector of St. Paul's church, Charleston, and of the Rev. Thomas Frost, late assistant minister of St. Philip's church, Charleston. The episcopal office, however, was not suffered long to remain vacant; but was happily filled by the election of the Rev. Dr. Bowen, in February, 1818, who appears, from an address of his clergy, to possess their thorough confidence and affection. A fund for the support of the bishop was likewise instituted in the same year, which is progressing and promises to effect the important object it contemplated.

The number of clergymen within the diocess of South Carolina, has evidently increased; and there is yet no visible decline of the zeal of either the clergy or laity. Four persons have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and seven to the order of Priests. Several candidates are now preparing for the ministry in that diocess, and there is a prospect flattering to the hopes of the friends of the church, that it will in this diocess yet effectually be restored from the state to which it had after the revolutionary war been reduced. At present, it appears, there are more of its parishes supplied, than at any intermediate period since the war.

The Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, which was instituted a few years ago and has prospered in an unexampled manner, has done much good. This society is by its constitution strictly identified with the church. It devises and executes liberal things. By its funds it has helped to re-establish old parishes, which had fallen into decay. It actually contributes to the support of several ministers.

A society has been also formed, consisting of young men and others, having missions for its object; and it has already been instrumental of good.

Sunday schools have been established in several parts of the diocess, and have been the occasion of good to

many, it is hoped, particularly to the people of colour They are, however, of too recent a date to enable us t say much about them. Tracts have also been publish ed and distributed by the Protestant Episcopal Societ for the advancement of Christianity in South Carolina calculated to excite attention, to instruct the people i practical religion, and to attach them to the doctrine discipline and liturgy of the church. Among those tract is a catechism, edited under the authority and directio of the bishop and his clergy, which is explanatory of th one in the book of Common Prayer. The people o colour are beginning to be instructed in those doctrine and principles of the christian religion, which will ten to promote their comfort and well-being here and thei everlasting happiness hereafter, with a prospect of suc cess conducive to their improvement and amelioration.

On the whole, the condition of the church in Soutl Carolina is favourable. The Bishop has visited, sinc his entering on the duties of the diocess, almost ever parish within it. Confirmation is regularly administer ed. The rubrics and canons are conscientiously ob served. Both clergy and laity evince a resolution t adhere to the order of the church and to oppose all in novation.

The number of baptisms, reported to the diocesan con ventions within the last three years, is eight hundred an thirty-nine; yet that number is defective, as reports d not appear to have been received from all the parishe every year. The number of communicants appears to b one thousand four hundred and fifty-seven, although tha too, falls a little short of the truth.

Ohio.

By a letter from the right Rev. the Bishop of this dio cess, addressed to the house of bishops in this conven tion and by them transmitted to the house of clerical and lay deputies, it appears that the said right reverend Bishop has admitted the Rev. Intrepid Morse, deacon, from New-York, to the holy order of priests, and Mr. Benjamin Birge, of Kentucky, to that of deacons; and has confirmed, since his settlement in his diocesan capa city, two hundred and thirty-four persons.

At Dayton, on the Miami, and in several places in the east, and north east of the state, new parishes have been formed.

The clergy of the diocese are six, besides the bishop. Philander Chase, Jun. has been admitted a candidate for holy orders.

In laying the preceding statement before the house of bishops, the house of clerical and lay deputies solicit their counsel and their prayers for the blessing of Almighty God.

In conclusion, the house of clerical and lay deputies, reverting to the notices of private baptisms in some of the preceding statements, respectfully request the house of bishops to insert in the pastoral letter solicited by this house, their opinion and advice on the subject of the existing custom of administering private baptism, without great and reasonable cause, and using in private the public office; and also on the subject of the proper qualifications of sponsors in baptism.

Signed by order of the house of clerical and lay deputies.

W. H. WILMER, President.

May 23, 1820.

From the Journal of the House of Bishops.

The house refused to concur in the canon—*of the officiating of persons not regularly ordained and repealing the thirty-fifth canon*—proposed by the house of clerical and lay deputies, and notice thereof was given to that house with the following statement of their reasons for non-concurrence.

The bishops have found by experience that such ministers in many instances preaching in our churches and to our congregations, avail themselves of such opportunities to inveigh against the principles of our communion; and in some instances have endeavoured to obtain a common right with us in our property. It is therefore not from the want of charity to worthy persons dissenting from us, but for the maintaining of

such charity, and to avoid collision, that we declare our non-concurrence.

The bishops further declare their opinion concerning the thirty-fifth canon, as it now stands, that it does not prohibit the officiating of pious and respectable persons as lay readers in our churches, in cases of necessity or of expediency; nor the lending of any church to any respectable congregation on any occasion of emergency.

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, IN 1820.

CANON I.

Repealing a part of the forty-fifth Canon passed in 1808.

That part of the forty-fifth Canon which requires the Episcopal addresses inserted on the journal of each state or diocesan convention, to be read in the house of clerical and lay deputies in General Convention, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Repealing the first Canon passed in 1817.

The principal object contemplated by the first canon passed in general convention in the year 1817, having been accomplished by the election and consecration of a bishop for the diocess of Ohio, the said canon is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

Concerning Pastoral Letters.

Whereas, there is reason to fear that the pastoral letters issued from time to time by the House of Bishops, and addressed to the members of the Episcopal church, fail of their intended effect for want of sufficient publicity: It is hereby made the duty of every clergyman having a pastoral charge, when any such letter is published, to read the same to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

CANON IV.

In addition to the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

In the case of a minister of some other denomination of christians applying for holy orders in this church the

standing committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided the members of the committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

CANON V.

Amending the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has officiated as a minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this church, the Bishop, to whom application is made, shall require of him (in additon to the qualifications made necessary by the seventeenth Canon,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States, previous to his application.

CANON VI.

Of the consecration of Bishops during the recess of the General Convention.

If, during the recess of the general convention, the Church in any state or diocess should be desirous of the consecration of a bishop elect, the standing committee of the church in such state or diocess may, by their president or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the standing committees of the churches in the different states together with copies of the necessary testimonials: and if the major number of the standing committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the standing committee of the state or diocess concerned shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the presiding bishop of the house of bishops, who shall communicate the same to all the bishops in this church in the United States; and if a majority of the bishops should consent to the consecration, the presiding bishop with any two bishops, may proceed to perform the same; or any three bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

The evidence of the consent of the different standing committees shall be in the form prescribed for the house of clerical and lay deputies in general convention; and *without the aforesaid* requisites no consecration shall

take place during the recess of the general convention. But in case the election of a bishop shall take place within a year before the meeting of the general convention, all matters relative to the consecration shall be deferred until the said meeting:

The fifth canon is hereby repealed.

CANON VII.

To govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of the Church.

If any minister of this Church shall declare to the bishop of the diocess to which he belongs, or to any Ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or, where there is no bishop, to the standing committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof; it shall be the duty of the bishop, or, where there is no bishop, of the standing committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the bishop to admonish, or to suspend him, or to displace him from his grade in the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person, so declaring, has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade in the ministry in this Church. In any diocess, in which there is no bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the bishop of any other diocess, invited by the standing committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the bishop to give notice thereof to every bishop of this Church, and to the standing committee in every diocess, wherein there is no bishop.

The second canon of 1817 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Concerning candidates for orders.

In addition to the testimonials produced by a person wishing to become a candidate for holy orders as is prescribed by the seventh canon, he must lay before the standing committee a satisfactory diploma, or certificate from the instructors of some approved literary institution, or a certificate from two presbyters appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to examine him, of his possessing such academical learning as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of theology.

When a person applying to be admitted a candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical to be dispensed with, the standing committee shall not recommend him as a candidate until he has laid before them a testimonial signed by at least two Presbyters of the church, stating that in their opinion he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach and a large share of prudence.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, in the year of our Lord, 1820.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE,

Attested, Presiding Bishop.

WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

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Wednesday, August 22, 1821.

THIS being the day appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocess, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. John Croes, Jun. and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Abiel Carter.

The Bishop then took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and William Cox, Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the appointment of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of Churches represented.

The Committee reported, that Deputies were present from eleven Churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Rector of St. John's Church Salem, and St. George's Church, Pennsneck;

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Church, Newton, and St. James's Church, Knowlton.*

Of the Laity,

Peter Kean, Esq. from St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

Joseph Marsh, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

Robert Boggs and Wm. P. Deare, Esqs. Christ-Church, New Brunswick;

Messrs. Joseph Voorhees and Gabriel West, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

Dr. P. F. Glentworth and Charles Higbee, Esq. St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

William Cox and Jackson B. French, Esqs. St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

Samuel J. Read, Esq. and Messrs. John Dobbins, James Coppuck, and John Irick, St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

John Baxter, Esq. and Messrs. Emanuel Beagary and Abraham Harris, St. Mary's Church, Colestown;

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. and Mr. Isaac Cade, St. Peter's Church, Berkeley;

Mr. Jesse Avis, Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

Daniel Garrison, Thomas Sinnickson, William N. Jeffries, and Aaron Ogden Dayton, Esqs. St. John's Church, Salem;

The number of Churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum; the members took their seats, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Jun. was elected.

On motion, Resolved, that Clergymen of the Episcopal Church, not entitled to seats, who may be present, be invited to the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Higbee a Presbyter of this Diocess, and the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton a Presbyter of the Diocess of Maryland, took their seats accordingly.

* The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were absent: The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. The Rev. James Chapman, and the Rev. Henry P. Powers.

Mr. John Mortimer Ward, and Mr. Robert Brown Croes, Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocess, were also admitted to seats.

On motion of P. Kean, Esq. resolved, that a Committee be appointed to draught rules of order for the government of this Convention. The Committee appointed were the Rev. Mr. Carter and Mr Kean, who reported the rules which had been adopted at the last Convention. Their report was accepted. [*See the Journal of* 1820.]

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then delivered the following address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY,

It affords me much satisfaction, and ought to excite our common gratitude to the great HEAD of the Church, that we have been permitted again to convene, for the purpose of consulting on the means, most likely to promote the true interests and highest welfare of this section of it.

As preparatory to these deliberations, and their results; and as an encouragement to quicken our zeal and to persevere in our efforts; or, should it be necessary, to remind us of our negligence, and want of exertion; it is provided, that a statement of the affairs of the Diocess, and of the several visitations of the Bishop, be laid before you at every annual meeting. This duty I proceed to perform.

My first visit, after the close of our last Convention, was to the lately formed Church, at Paterson. This took place, on Sunday, August the 27th, on which occasion, I officiated twice. The congregation of this Church, continues vacant, and, though it has not yet erected a building for the service of GOD, encouragement was given to me, that proper attention would be paid to it.

On Friday, September 22, I visited the Episcopalians at Amwell, and preached at the house of Mr. Robert Sharp; and on Sunday the 24th, I also visited St. Thomas's Church at Alexandria; at which I performed divine service, and preached, twice. This congregation,

I rejoice to say, has, through divine goodness, risen from a state bordering on extinction, to one comparatively prosperous. It has indeed so much improved, that it is not only repairing its church, which was literally in ruins; but enjoys already the stated services of the Rev. Mr. Dunn, for a portion of his time.

Shortly after, on the 28th of the same month, I visited St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy and administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation; on which occasion, I also preached. The number confirmed was 28. St. Peter's Church preserves its standing, and has, within a few years, considerably increased.

On Friday, the 20th of the succeeding month, I visited the Episcopalians at Woodbury, and preached in the evening; and on Sunday, the 5th of November, I also visited St. Peter's Church, at Berkeley, and performed the same service.

The day following, I repaired to Salem, and, on Tuesday the 7th of November, I held an ordination in St. John's Church, in that town; preached on the occasion, and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Rector elect of that Church, and of St. George's Church, Pennsneck. On the succeeding day, I instituted Mr. Cadle into the Rectorship of the Church first named. In both these cases, I was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Morehouse and Douglass; the former of which, preached at the institution.

The revival, and, thus far, the restoration of this respectable, though not numerous congregation, which, with the exception of a short time, had been for more than fifty years without a rector, and in a state, but little removed from extinction; whose church indeed, for a considerable period, had lain in ruins, the common resort of birds and beasts; the revival, I say, and re-establishment of this Church, and the neat and decorous style in which its building has been repaired, are not only matter of surprize, but of joy, and gratitude to God for his goodness; and cannot but encourage and animate us to renewed exertions, in our endeavors *to build up our decayed and waste places.*

On Sunday, the 28th of January, 1821, I visited St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and preached twice, on the

asion : and on Sunday, the 26th of May, I again vis-
that Church, and performed the same office, once.
'he Church at Spotswood, always small, and unable
tself to support a minister, has, from this circum-
ce, and other causes, rather declined than advanced.
, however not very different from its former condi-
. The ancient building, in which the forefathers of
present congregation worshipped God, is now put in-
xcellent repair; and the day, I trust, is not very dis-
, when it will be supplied, in part, with a minister.
visited on Whitsunday (the 10th of June) the con-
gation of Christ-Church, at Newton, in Sussex;
ched twice, and administered the sacrament of the
d's supper. This congregation, almost lost to our
munion, has, within a few months, revived; and is
paratively flourishing. The Rev. Mr. Dunn, their
ister, resides in Newton, and officiates two Sundays
of four. The people are attentive, and there is ev-
prospect, that its re-establishment will be perma-

rom Newton, in company with Mr. Dunn, I visited
James's Church, Knowlton. Here I preached, and,
ted by Mr. Dunn, who is the Minister of this
rch also, I administered the communion. St.
es's Church, though long vacant, was not reduced to
w an ebb, as the Church at Newton; and bids fair,
r the smiles of Providence and the care and exer-
s of its pastor, to become one among the large and
ectable Churches in the Diocess.
he week, succeeding my return, I proceeded to vis-
e Churches in the southern part of the Diocess; and,
Thursday the 21st of June, I again performed di-
service and preached, at St Peter's Church, Berke-
This Church, though small, is favoured with some
d service, by the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector
rinity-Church, at Swedesborough; and, considering
disadvantages, under which it labours, may be said
e flourishing, especially in its spiritual concerns.
n Friday, I visited the large and flourishing congre-
on of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough; and in the
ning preached, and instituted the Rev. Mr. Douglass
the Rectorship of that Church. In the afternoon, I

held a confirmation; on which occasion, I also preached, and administered that Holy Rite to fourteen persons. The Rev. Mr. Cadle of Salem assisted me in these exercises.

On the Sunday following, (June the 24th,) I visited, in company with Mr Cadle, St. George's Church, Pennsneck, preached, and administered confirmation to eight persons.

This congregation, though not large, possesses a neat brick Church, nearly new, and has a considerable fund. It is progressing both in numbers and piety, since the accession of Mr. Cadle to the Rectorship; previously to which, with a small exception, it had been vacant nearly 35 years. In the afternoon of the same day, I visited again St. John's Church, Salem, and preached to a comparatively large and very respectable congregation.

On Monday, I returned to Berkeley, accompanied, by the Rev. Messrs. Cadle and Douglass, and administered Confirmation, in that Church, to nineteen persons. Mr. Cadle delivered the sermon. The occasion was more than ordinarily solemn and affecting; and the benefit, it is to be hoped, will correspond with it.

I visited St. Mary's Church, Burlington, on Thursday the 28th of the same month; but did not perform any service, as the Church was undergoing alterations and repairs. The congregation of St. Mary's is in an increasing state; and, through the liberality of its members, and the particular exertions of a lady, it has lately ornamented its Church and improved its sacred music, by the addition of a handsome organ.

On the Sunday succeeding my visit to Burlington, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and preached to a numerous, respectable, and attentive congregation. This Church, though vacant, with some exceptions, for many years, has, in common, with the other vacant congregations, been occasionally served by Missionaries and the clergymen of the neighbouring churches. In consequence of which, it has not only been preserved to our communion; but has suffered little or no diminution. The day is not far distant, I hope, when, with the divine blessing, it will enjoy the stated administration of *the* word and sacraments.

In the afternoon of the same Sunday, I visited St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, and performed divine service and preached. The Church of St. Andrew preserves its standing, and, compared with what it was many years since, is respectable for its numbers, and its attention upon the worship of God.

I again visited St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, on Sunday the 15th of July, and preached; and on the next Sunday, I visited St. James's church, Piscataway, where I performed the same service. The Church at Piscataway, always small, and for many years vacant, gives but faint promise of its ever rising to distinction, among its sister Churches.

The Church, to which I next directed my attention, was St. John's, at Elizabeth-Town. This church, I visited, on Sunday the 29th of July, on which occasion, I performed divine service and preached, both morning and afternoon.

It is not too much to say of this church, that, in point of antiquity, respectability of its members, their attendance on the services of the sanctuary, and their correct and devout behaviour in the house of God, it is second to none in the Diocess. Its condition is also prosperous.

On Sunday the 5th of August, I visited Trinity-Church, at Woodbridge, and officiated. This Church, small, and necessarily vacant, though risen from a state, that threatened its total extinction, and though possessed of a building neatly and substantially repaired; yet promises but little as to any such increase of its numbers, for many years, as shall enable it to support a minister.

The last Church, that I visited, previously to our present meeting, was St. Michael's Church, Trenton. This took place on Sunday last, on which occasion I preached twice, and administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation to thirty persons. The congregation was numerous and attentive, and the exercises were rendered very interesting, by the solemn and devout behaviour of the persons, who came forward to ratify their baptismal engagements.

The congregation of St. Michael's Church—till within the last seven or eight years quite small—has become one of the most respectable in the Diocess, as to numbers, order, and attention to divine service, and appears to be still progressing.

The number of persons confirmed, since the preceding Convention, is ninety-nine.

Since my last address, two persons have been admitted Candidates for Holy Orders, Robert B. Croes of New-Brunswick, and John Mortimer Ward of Newark. Others are preparing for admission.

Only one ordination has taken place, viz. that of the Rev. R. F. Cadle, before mentioned.

The Rev. Augustus Fitch, a Deacon in this Diocess, has, by a Letter Dimissory to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart, been transferred to the Diocess of New-York.

The Rev. George H. Woodruff, also a Deacon in this Diocess, has, by a like Letter to the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, been transferred to the Diocess of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, for several years, the Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark, has resigned his sacred charge, and removed into the Diocess of New-York.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, a Deacon lately of the Diocess of New-York, has, by a Letter Dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart, been transferred to this; and has also been elected Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

A licence has been granted to John M. Ward, a Candidate for Holy Orders, to officiate, in Christ-Chapel, Belleville, as a lay reader.

It is pleasing to me to state, and I trust it will be received with becoming gratitude to God, the Author of every good gift; that the progress of the several institutions, connected with the Church in this Diocess, continues uninterrupted; and, though slow, is perhaps as great, under all circumstances, as ought to be expected. The fund of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen,—the Missionary fund,—the permanent fund of the Protestant Episcopal Society for promoting christian knowledge and piety,—and

the fund for giving additional support to the Bishop,—are all in a state of gradual augmentation; and promise to be, in addition to their usefulness, at present, important means, in the promotion of the welfare and progress of the Church, hereafter. Their beneficial influence—especially the Missionary, and Episcopal-Society funds—we have already experienced, in a very considerable degree. The continuance, however, of their progress, greatly depends on the attention and faithfulness of the Clergy of the Diocess, in having the required collections punctually made; and otherwise promoting the interest, and advancement of institutions so valuable. The Laity will always be ready, I am convinced, to second their endeavours, in the good work.

It is another source of gratification, that the Sunday Schools, in the Diocess, so capable of being made nurseries of Religion and of the Church, when properly instituted and conducted, are both increasing and flourishing. It is to be hoped that the resolution of the last Convention, requiring clergymen, and, in cases of vacancy, the wardens to report the state of the schools, in their respective churches, will be duly attended to, in this sitting.

Committing our Church, and her important concerns, to the care of that Divine and Gracious Being, who has declared, that he will be with his ministers to the end of the world; and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his Church; may we not, with pious confidence, anticipate a continuance of her prosperity, as well, with regard to the little vineyard, in which we labour, as to that extensive field, of which ours, is only a part.

I now offer the parochial reports, which have been presented to me, in conformity with the provisions of the 45th canon of the Church, by the Rectors, Ministers, and Wardens, of the several congregations, in the Diocess, that they may be read for the information of the Convention, and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Mount-Holly, August 22, 1821.

The Parochial reports were accordingly read, and are in substance as follows:

That of the

Rev. Henry P. Powers,

Deacon, and Rector-elect, of *Trinity-Church, at Newark*, states, that he came to that Church on the third of June last, where he has since officiated: that his opportunities to acquire information, did not enable him to say with certainty what the present number of families, and of communicants are: both however, he believes, have in some degree been reduced, by recent deaths and removals. Since his residence in the parish he has attended one funeral.

That the Sunday School of that Church is not now flourishing; though the efforts of the young ladies, who attend on it, are unremitting. He hopes, however, that means will speedily be taken to restore it to its former prosperity.

The report of the

Rev. John C. Rudd,

Rector of *St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town*, states, that

The families & contributors in that Church, are about		90
The communicants		98
The baptisms, since the last Convention, .		14
The marriages, do. . . .		5
The burials,	of the congregation 5, / of others 4,	9

That the Sunday School of that Church, which was organized in May, 1818, under circumstances, which did not encourage the expectation of any very extensive usefulness, has been attended with various numbers of scholars; that the whole number received into the school up to Tuesday of Whitsun-week last, was 195; that the greatest number of steady attendants has never exceeded 80, frequently not more than half that number; that at the last annual meeting—Tuesday in Whitsun-week—the number of white children was 50, of coloured 20; the number of teachers 16, chiefly the young ladies of the congregation; that ten ladies of the congregation have

been appointed visitors, two of which attend every Sunday morning; that the children are not only instructed in spelling and reading, but in the principles of religion, and of our Church; that many, who have had little, if any instruction, have made very gratifying improvement: that the school assembles annually, in the presence of the congregation, at which time, a report of their progress is made, addresses delivered, and premiums conferred; and that the expense, which is not large, is defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Church and others.

The report of the

Rev. James Chapman,

Rector of *St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy,*

states, that

The number of families in that Church, is about		65
The number of communicants,	removed and died 2 added 2	46
The baptisms, since the last Convention,		8
The marriages, do.		3
The funerals, do.		5

That the Sunday School is flourishing; the number of teachers 10, of scholars 60 or 70.

The report of the

Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D.

Rector of *Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,*

states, that

The number of families, in that Church, is about		54
The number of communicants,	2 deceased, 9 removed, 2 added,	41
The baptisms, since last Convention,	2 adults, 15 children,	17
The marriages, do.		5
The funerals, do.	4 of the congregation, 2 of others,	6

That the Sunday School attached to it is in a flourishing condition. According to the report made in May last, the number of scholars which attended was about 70, the number of teachers, including the superintend-

ent 15; that the scholars are instructed in spelling, reading, and in the principles of the Christian religion; that the teachers are attentive and persevering, and the scholars make good improvement, both in learning and in conducting themselves with propriety.

The report of the

Rev. John Croes, Jun.

Rector of *Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown,*

states, that

The number of families in those congregations, is about	60
The number of communicants, . .	63
The baptisms, since last Convention, { adults 2, infants 3, }	5
The marriages, do. . . .	5
The funerals, do. . . .	2

That he is happy in stating, that the congregation of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, have this summer, painted and repaired the interior of their Church; and that the affairs of the congregation, both temporal and spiritual, are in general flourishing.

The report of the

Rev. Clarkson Dunn,

Minister of *Christ-Church, Newton, St. James's, Knowlton,* and *St. Thomas's, Alexandria,*

states, that

The families and contributors of *Christ-Church, Newton,* are about	45
The communicants	6
The baptisms, since the last Convention .	6
The marriages do. . . .	1
The funerals do. . . .	3
The families of *St. James's Church, Knowlton,*	55
The communicants	20
The baptisms, since the last Convention .	10
The marriages do. . . .	2
The funerals	1
The families of *St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria,*	26
The communicants, ...	3

The report of the

Rev. Abiel Carter,

Rector of *St. Michael's Church, Trenton,*

states, that

The number of families in that Church, is about		75
The number of communicants,		55
The baptisms, since last Convention,	adults 6, infants 18,	24
The marriages, do.		4
The funerals, do.		6

That the Sunday School attached to that Church, has been greatly enlarged and improved, since the last report; that it is now in a very flourishing condition, consisting of nearly 200 pupils, who are managed and taught with much regularity and order:

That it is in contemplation, to erect a building in the vicinity of the Church, for the more commodious arrangement and instruction of the school; and that subscriptions have already been obtained to an amount almost sufficient to defray the expense of it; it further states, that it is but justice to remark, that the pleasing improvement, above mentioned, has been effected chiefly through the exertions and perseverance of a small number of ladies in the congregation, to whom much gratitude is due.

The report of the

Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.

Rector of *St. Mary's Church, Burlington,*

states, that

The number of communicants in that Church, is between		40 & 50
The baptisms, since last Convention,	2 adults, 4 infants,	6
The marriages, do.		7
The funerals, do.		1

That the Church has been enlarged and improved; that the congregation is increasing, and in general, regular and attentive; that many of the pew-holders, however, neglect being baptized themselves, or bringing their children to that Christian ordinance.

The report of the

Rev. George Y. Morehouse,

Rector of *St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly*,

states, that

The families of that Church, are about		50
The communicants,	2 removed, 2 added,	25
The baptisms, since last Convention,		1
The marriages, do.		1
The funerals, do.		1

The report of

Mr. Emanuel Beagary,

a Warden of *St. Mary's Church, Colestown*, now vacant,

states, that

The number of families and contributors of that Church, is about	30
The communicants,	4
The baptisms, since last Convention,	5

The report of

Joseph V. Clark, Esq.

a Warden of *St. Peter's Church, Berkeley*,

states, that

The families of that Church, are about		20
The communicants,		36
The baptisms, since last Convention,	5 adults, 11 infants,	16
The funerals, do.		2

It further states, that the Rev. Mr. Douglass, officiates at that Church, in the afternoons of every second Sunday; and that when they are without preaching, sermons are regularly read in the Church by laymen. The congregation attend well, and much zeal is manifested by the members.

The report of the

Rev. Jacob M. Douglass,

Rector of *Trinity-Church, Swedesborough*,

states, that

The number of families in that Church, is about	150

The number of communicants, (deceased 2,)		145
The baptisms, since the last Convention,	adults 2, infants 11	13
The marriages,	do.	8
The funerals,	do.	21
The scholars in the Sunday School, on an average,		50

The report of the

Rev. Richard F. Cadle,

Rector of *St. John's Church, Salem*, and *St. George's Church, Pennsneck*,

states, that

The number of families in St. John's Church, is		28
The number of communicants,		4
The baptisms, since last Convention,		4
The marriages	do.	3
Funerals,	do.	1

The number of families, in St. George's Church, is		30
The number of communicants, (4 added,)		16
The baptisms since last Convention,		2
The marriages	do.	1
The funerals,	do.	1

That a Sunday School has been established in the congregation, whose object is, the religious instruction of children, according to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The report of Mr. Cadle further states, that an unpleasant circumstance had occurred in the congregation of St. John's Church, Salem, threatening for a time, its peace and prosperity. A plea had been set up, that a few years ago, when the Church was repaired, the privilege of occasionally inviting the ministers of one or two other religious societies to officiate in it, had been granted to those who contributed to its repairs; and, under this plea, the exercise of the privilege had not only been claimed, but in some cases, actually carried into effect, regardless of the proper authority of the Church. As however no record of such stipulation existed; as it had never before been heard of, by some, who took an active part, in the repairs of she church; and as such grant, if inadvertently made, was contrary to the

canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and could not therefore be binding; the officers of the Church, as guardians of its rights, could not but rejeet such plea, and maintain the exclusive authority of Episcopalians to the edifice. That not only have its rights therefore been preserved inviolate; but its interests do not appear to have suffered; and it is, he concludes, a matter of satisfaction to report, that its services are constantly attended by a respectable congregation.

William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, presented statements of his accounts, which were read, and, on motion, committed to the Rev. Mr. Carter, and Joseph V. Clark, Esq. to examine and report thereon.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half past 3 o'clock, in the afternoon.

Half past three o'clock, P. M. the Convention assembled.

Messrs. Aaron Wright and Thomas Biddle, lay deputies from St. George's Church, Pennsneck, appeared, presented the certificate of their appointment, and took their seats.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. called up the proposition, which he made at the last Convention, to amend the 1st article of the Constitution, by inserting the word *Shrewsbury*, between the words Mount-Holly and Elizabeth-Town.

On motion, the amendment was unanimously adopted. *(See the Constitution as amended in Appendix, No. IV.)*

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen,

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
J. C. Rudd,	Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Dr. P. F. Glentworth,
A. Carter,	Peter Kean, Esq.
of the Clergy;	of the Laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	James Parker, Esq.
J. C. Rudd,	Peter Kean, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.

A. Carter, of the Clergy ; Daniel Garrison, Esq. of the Laity.

The Rev. J. Croes, Jun. presented, in behalf of the Standing Committee, a report of the proceedings of that body, which was read, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal. *See Appendix, No. I.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, make the following report.

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correctly stated.

A. CARTER,
JOSEPH V. CLARK.

Which report was accepted, and the account ordered to be annexed to the Journal. *See Appendix, No. III.*

On motion, the Clergy and Wardens, were called on for their reports of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal do.*
In Trinity-Church, Newark,	17 75	8 05
In St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,	0 00	0 00
In St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy,	4 40	4 43
In Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	15 75	20 00
In Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, 2 col.	25 42	6 00
In Christ-Church, Middletown,	0 00	4 00
In St. Peter's Church, Freehold, 3 col.	9 26	0 00
In St. Peter's, Spotswood, 2 col.	5 00	0 00
In the Church at Paterson,	3 41	0 00
In Christ-Chapel, Belleville,	5 77	0 00
In St. Thomas's, Alexandria,	2 9	0 00
In St. Peter's, Berkeley, 3 col.	7 4	0 00
In St. Thomas's, Glassborough,	0 59	0 00
In St. Mary's Burlington, for 2 years,	36 00	9 00
In St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly, 2 col.	6 93	28 36
In Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	4 50	3 75
In St. John's, Salem,	3 00	4 00
In St. George's Pennsneck,	4 00	2 00
In St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill,	0 69	0 00
In St. Michael's, Trenton,	0 00	24 16

On motion, the Clergy were also called on for their reports of services, rendered, as missionaries, to vacant churches.

In compliance with which,

The Rev. Mr. Rudd reported, that agreeably to appointment, he performed divine service and preached twice, in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, on the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, 1820; on which occasion, he baptized two infants: that he made an appointment to officiate there again, in the month of October, and left home, for that purpose, but the day was so tempestuous; that he did not get there. He further reported, that he preached one Sunday for the Bishop, while he was absent, in the discharge of his episcopal duties.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman, transmitted a report, that he had, according to appointment, officiated, on two Sunday afternoons, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge; and one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. reported, that he had fulfilled his appointment, in preaching one Sunday, at New-Brunswick for the Bishop, and one Sunday at St. Peter's, Freehold. That he had also preached a second Sunday at Freehold, and administered the communion; and again, on a week day.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn reported, that he had, in addition to his appointments as missionary, officiated three times, at Woodbridge, twice, at Belvidere, twice, in the Church at Johnsonburg, once, at a private house in the same neighborhood, once, in the congregation of St. Andrew's, Amwell, and two Sundays, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Carter reported, that he had, by appointment, officiated one Sunday in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse, reported, that he had, according to appointment, officiated one Sunday, in St. Mary's, Colestown; that he had also preached one Sunday, in Christ-Chapel, Belleville, and, on a week day, in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass, reported, that, according to the directions of the Bishop, he had preached twice, on Sundays, in St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and baptized four children. That he had also preached twice at Haddonfield, twice, on Sundays, at Glassborough, and very frequently at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill.

The Rev. Mr. Cadle reported, that he had, agreeably

to appointment, officiated, on a Sunday in Christ-Church New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop; that he had also set out to fulfil his appointment to preach at St. Mary's Church, Colestown; but was sent for, to attend a funeral, in his congregation, at Salem: that, in addition to his appointments, he preached twice, on a week day, at Mullica-Hill.

Peter Kean, Esq. offered the following preamble and resolution for the consideration of the Convention; Whereas, by several resolutions, passed by the Convention, in the year 1816, and subsequent years, loans have been made from the missionary fund to the episcopal fund, now amounting to five hundred and fifty dollars; and whereas, said loans were made to defray expences incurred by the Bishop, while performing services, strictly speaking, chargeable to the missionary fund;

Resolved, therefore, that the said debt now charged against the Episcopal fund, be, and the same is, hereby cancelled.

This resolution, on taking the question, was unanimously adopted.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. called up the proposition, which he had made at the last Convention to alter the 10th article of the Constitution. This, after some discussion, was, on motion, postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Cadle proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following amendment to the 1st article of the Constitution, viz. that the word *Salem*, be inserted between the words Shrewsbury and Elizabeth-Town.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, August 23.

The Convention met, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Francis Smith, a lay deputy from Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. John Sellon, a proposed candidate for orders, was, on motion, admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, presented, through their President, a report of their proceedings, during the last year, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal. *See Appendix, No. II.*

The gentlemen, who were appointed at the last Convention to solicit additional subscriptions to the Episcopal fund, were called on, to report the progress, which they had made. Those, who were present, reported, that though some progress had been made, certain reasons had induced them to defer for a time the continuance of their applications. The reports were accepted; and they were requested to renew their solicitations, at a proper season.

The Bishop gave information to the Convention, that the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemp, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Maryland, had communicated to him, that in consequence of a formal renunciation of the authority of the Church of Maryland, by the Rev. Alfred H. Dashiel a Deacon in that Church; and for his submitting to ordination, by his father George Dashiel, a degraded Presbyter formerly of that Church, he had pronounced the said Alfred H. Dashiel, displaced from his grade in the ministry of the Church.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any moneys, that may have been, or shall be received, either in interest from, or collections in the several churches, for the Episcopal Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Carter, proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following alteration of the 3d article of the Constitution, viz. *that Rectors-elect shall be permitted to vote in the Convention.*

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed, the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

It was moved and carried, that the Convention rise.*

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. *Secretary.*

* Immediately after the Convention rose, an Ordination was held in St. Andrew's Church, by the Bishop, when John Mortimer Ward of Newark, was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons. The Rev. Mr. Cadle, performed the morning service, and the Rev. Mr. Rudd delivered a discourse, on the occasion.

*** The next annual Convention will be held, at Shrewsbury, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1822.

☞ *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set out hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of New-Jersey, for the year commencing August 24, 1820.

Newark, August 24, 1820.

The members of the Standing Committee met.

PRESENT,

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Peter Kean, Esq.
John Croes, Jun. Matthias D. De Hart, Esq.
Abiel Carter.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd was chosen President, and the Rev. John Croes, Jun. Secretary.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, a Deacon of this Diocess, made application to the Committee for the testimonial required by the twelfth canon of the General Convention, previous to his admission to Priests' orders; and having laid before the Committee such certificates as were deemed satisfactory, it was resolved to grant the testimonial required.

Mr. John M. Ward and Mr. Robert B. Croes, made application for the certificate required by the seventh Canon of the General Convention previous to their admission as candidates for Holy Orders, and having produced satisfactory testimonials, it was resolved to grant the certificate to each of the above named gentlemen. Adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *Pres't.*

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. *Sec'ry.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Board of Directors, to whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:—

That, as was stated in their last communication to this house, they, through their President, engaged the Rev. Clarkson Dunn to perform the duties of a Missionary, for one year, to the vacant churches in Sussex County, and in other parts of the Diocess; and as a means of his support, they agreed to allow him from the fund, such a sum, as, in connection with what he might receive from the churches in Sussex and elsewhere, would amount to $400. Mr. Dunn has faithfully, and, as they cannot doubt, usefully fulfilled his engagements, and has drawn from the fund, in full discharge of the contract, $ 175.

In his report to the Bishop—ex-officio President of the Board—it appears that he has, in the execution of the trust committed to him, performed divine service and preached, in the congregation of Christ-Church, Newton, on every second Sunday, during the year; in the summer two services and in the winter one; that, in St. James's Church, Knowlton, he has, in like manner, officiated every fourth Sunday, during the same time; and that for the latter six months, he officiated every fourth Sunday, in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, by special contract. That he has also performed divine service, and preached, on one Sunday, at St. James's, Piscataway, and at Trinity, Woodbridge;—two Sundays, in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and St. Peter's, Freehold;—one Sunday, in the congregation at Paterson, and at Christ-Chapel, Belleville;—one Sunday, at St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, and St. Peter's, Berkeley;—and one Sunday, at St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, and in the congregation of St. Andrew's, Amwell. He reports also, that the collections for the Missionary Fund, during his mission, amount to $24 85.

It is with great satisfaction, the Board reflect on the happy issue of this mission, which has terminated in the continuance of Mr. Dunn in the Churches at Newton and Knowlton, and also, for the present, at Alexandria, as their regular minister;—churches, which for years, had scarcely an existence.

Much credit is due to that gentleman, for the prudence, zeal, and fidelity, with which he has conducted the mission, and recommended himself to the people of those churches, by whom he is spoken of with great affection and respect.

The board have the satisfaction to state, that another Missionary, the gentleman who is this day to be ordained, will shortly commence his labours.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Mount-Holly, August 23, 1821.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, their Treasuer.

Dr.

		Dolls.	Cts.
1820.			
August 30.	To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Dunn, Missionary, on account, per order of the President of the fund.	60	00
October 21.	To Cash paid William Myer for printing Journal of the Convention for the year 1820.	45	00
1821.			
March 8.	To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Dunn, on account.	75	00
June 21.	To Cash loaned, Bond and Mortgage, No. XVII.	150	00
August 6.	To Cash paid Rev. Mr. Dunn, on account.	24	85
22.	do. do. do. in full to June 13, 1821.	15	65
	To balance in the hands of the Treasurer.	289	93
		$660	43

STATE OF THE FUND.

Cash in the Treasury	289	93
Bond No. I.	400	00
Do. No. IV.	150	00
Do. No. VII.	150	00
Do. No. IX.	100	00
Do. No. XIII.	150	00
Do. No. XIV.	500	00
Note for interest in suit,	94	29
Bond No. XV.	150	00
Do. No. XVI.	190	02
Do. No. XVII.	150	00
Six per cent. stock,	750	00
Loan to Bishop's fund, ordered to be cancelled, $550.	0	00
Amount of Missionary fund,	$3074	24

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, their Treasurer.

		Cr. Dolls.	Cts.
1820.			
August 23.	By balance of Cash in the Treasury,	300	53
	By collection from St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	21	00
1821.	By rents of Amwell property, from Robert Sharp,	58	00
	By 3 quarters interest, 6 per cent. stock,	33	75
July 1.	By 1 quarter do. do.	11	25
23.	By interest, No. XIII. one year	10	50
	By donation of Edward Harris, Esq.	15	00
Aug. 3.	By collection, Trinity-Church, Newark,	17	75
	By do. received of Rev. Mr. Dunn, made in the following churches:		
	Two collections St. Peter's Spotswood, 5 00		
	Two do. St. Peter's, Freehold, 5 26		
	One do. do. Church, Paterson, 3 41		
	One do. Christ-Chapel, Bellville, 5 77		
	One do. St. Thomas, Glassborough, 59		
	One do. St. Stephens, Mullica Hill, 69		
	One do St. Peters, Berkeley, 2 04		
	One do. St. Thomas, Alexandria, 2 09		
		24	85
13.	Collection in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	15	75
	do. St. George's, Pennsneck,	4	00
	do. St. John's, Salem,	3	00
	do. St. Mary's, Burlington,	15	00
	do. St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy,	4	40
20.	By interest, No. XV. for one year,	10	50
	By do. No. XVI. do.	13	30
	By do. No. I. do.	28	00
	By do. No. IV. do.	10	50
	By do. No. IX. do.	7	00
	By do. No. VII. do.	10	50
22.	By two collections at Christ Church, Shrewsbury,	25	42
	One do. St. Peter's, Freehold,	4	00
	One do. St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	6	93
22.	Two do. St Peter's, Berkeley	5	00
	One do. Trinity, Swedesborough,	4	50
		$660	43

Errors excepted.

WM. P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

The Bishop's fund of New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1820.			
Sept. 5.	To cash paid Bishop Croes by order of Convention of August last,	$ 150	00
20.	Cash loaned Bond and Mortgage, No. 1.	233	19
Nov. 8.	do. Bond and Mortgage, No. 2.	280	00
1821.			
May 29.	do. do. do. No. 3.	380	00
Aug. 13.	To obligation, dated March 28, 1821, for a subscription, No. 4,	100	00
	To balance in the Treasury,	205	40

STATE OF THE FUND.

United States Stock,	$ 500	00
Bond, No. I.	233	19
Bond, No. III.	380	00
Note, No. IV.	100	00
Cash in the Treasury,	205	40
Amount of Bishop's fund,	$ 1,418	59

$ 1,318 59

The Bishop's fund of New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, Treasurer.

Cr.

1820.			
Aug. 24.	By balance in the Treasury,	340	53
	By subscription of Benjamin Williams,	3	00
Oct. 1.	By interest on scrip of $500,	8	75
30.	By cash of Rev. J. C. Rudd, subscriptions collected,	194	80
Nov. —	By subscription of R. Boggs, Esq. $100, interest do. 4 00	104	00
1821.			
Jan. 1.	By interest scrip, one quarter,	8	75
30.	By collection in St. Andrews's Church, Mount-Holly,	6	25
May 14.	By cash, principal and interest in full, No. 2,	290	12
	By subscription of Peter Kean, Esq.	100	00
July 1.	By interest on scrip, two quarters,	17	50
23.	By donation of Edward Harris, Esq.	25	00
30.	By payment on account of interest Bond, No. 1,	14	89
Aug. 13.	By collection St. Peter's, Amboy,	4	43
	By subscription of Bishop Croes, per obligation, March 28, 1820.	100	00
	By interest one year, No. 4,	7	00
Aug. 20.	By collection in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	20	00
22.	By do. Middletown,	4	00
	By do. Shrewsbury,	6	00
	By do. St. John's. Salem,	4	00
	By do. St. George's, Pennsneck,	2	00
	By do. St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	22	61
	By do. St. Mary's, Burlington,	9	00
	By subscription, Joseph Marsh, Esq.	20	00
	By collection Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	3	75
	do. Newark, $8 05, do. Trenton, $24 16,	32	21
		$1,348	59

Errors excepted.

WM. P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

THE

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,

As revised, and adopted in a Convention, held at the city of Burlington, on the 1st *and* 2d *days of May,* 1811, *and according to the several alterations and amendments, adopted in subsequent Conventions.*

I. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State or Diocess, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday in August, annually; to be held in rotation at the following places, viz. Newark, Mount-Holly, Shrewsbury, Elizabeth-Town, Trenton, Perth-Amboy, Burlington, New-Brunswick and Swedesborough.

II. The Convention shall be composed both of clergymen and laymen.

III. Every Priest or Presbyter, who has been duly instituted Rector of any Church in this Diocess, shall be a member ex-officio. Clergymen, who have formerly been Rectors in this Diocess, but having resigned their charges, remain in it, or return to it, after a period of absence, may also become, and shall hereafter be considered as, members of this Convention, in full standing; provided all the instituted Rectors present, and all the congregations represented, at the meeting, when any such clergyman shall be proposed, give their votes in favor of it. Rectors-elect, and Deacons, who belong to the Diocess, and officiate statedly within it, are also admitted to seats, and may express their opinions on all questions that come before the Convention; but may neither vote, be appointed members of the Standing Committee, nor be elected delegates to the General Convention.

IV. The Laity shall consist of a representation, comprising one, or more deputies from each incorporated, or otherwise regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess, which shall, on application, be admitted as a member of the Convention; such deputy or deputies, always being a member, or members of the Church, purporting to be represented, and residing in the State, and within the commonly reputed bounds of the congregation of said Church. These deputies shall produce to a committee, appointed to examine their credentials, certificates of their election, in the form following:

[Name of the church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convenvention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object

alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one Warden or two vestry-men. and the form of it shall annually be inserted at the end of the printed Journals.

No Church, hereafter instituted, in this Diocess, shall be considered a "regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church," in the sense expressed in the above article, and be entitled to a representation in this Convention, unless it be incorporated, and placed under the government of two Wardens, and, at least, five Vestrymen: but any association of Episcopalians, consisting of not less than fifteen families, regularly organized, under Wardens and Vestrymen, may send a deputy to the Convention, who, on application, shall be admitted to a seat, and may take part in the regular business of the house; but shall not be eligible to any office, nor have the privilege of voting on any question, nor at any election.

V. The instituted Rectors, who may be present, at the time of meeting, with the deputies from five such churches, shall constitute a quorum; but no measure shall be conclusive without the concurrence of a majority of votes of each order; the clergy voting individually, and the laity by congregations.

VI. The Bishop of the Diocess is the President of the Convention ex-officio. But, until a Bishop be elected and established, and, whenever vacancies occur in the episcopal chair, or the Bishop be necessarily absent, the office of President shall devolve, in rotation, on the Rectors of the several churches, according to the priority of the date of their Priests' Orders. The absence of the Rector, who is by seniority entitled to the chair, deprives him of his right in that course, and the next in order succeeds to his place.

VII. A Secretary to the Convention shall be appointed at each annual meeting.

The President, whenever that office is held by a Rector, and the Secretary, shall continue in office, till the next stated Convention be organized.

VIII. A Treasurer shall also be appointed, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Convention. He shall, if required, give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and present a statement of his accounts to each annual Convention

IX. At every annual Convention, divine service shall be performed, and in cases in which the Bishop shall not deliver a Charge, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered previously to entering on business: and these religious exercises shall commence precisely at eleven o'clock, A. M. on the stated day of meeting.

X. The Standing Committee, to be appointed in pursuance of the fourth Canon of the General Convention, shall consist of members of both orders; and, in all cases in which it may be necessary for the said Committee to act, a majority of the members shall assemble; and their proceedings shall be recorded by the Secretary, and reported to the succeeding Convention. The President of the Convention, for the time being, unless he be the Bishop, shall be President of the Standing Committee, with authority to assemble the members on necessary occasions.

XI. The Bishop, or the President, when the Episcopate is vacant, with the approbation of the Standing Committee, or at the request of the Vestries of two churches in the Diocess, expressed to him in writing, (any special circumstance requiring it) may call an occasional meeting of the Convention by a circular letter, addressed to the several churches, giving, if convenient, six, but not less than four weeks notice. Occasional meetings shall always be held at the same places at which the annual meetings of the same years were held

XII. The manuscript Journals, and all other papers of the Convention, shall be deposited with the Bishop of the Diocess, and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Chair, with the Secretary of the Convention for the time being.

XIII. When any alteration of this Constitution is proposed, the consideration of the proposition, if seconded, shall be deferred to the next annual Convention, and no decision shall then be had, unless two thirds of the instituted rectors in the Diocess, and representatives from ten churches be present.

LIST OF THE CLERGY, IN THE DIOCESS OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

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The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

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The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Church, Newton, St. James's, Knowlton, and, at present, of St. Thomas's, Alexandria.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Deacon, Rector-elect of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. John Mortimer Ward, Deacon.

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Wednesday, August 21, 1822.

THIS being the day, appointed, by the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled in Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Abiel Carter, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. John C. Rudd.*

After the performance of these religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. George Y. Morehouse and Peter Kean, Esqr. a Committee to examine the testimonials of appointment of the lay deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The Committee reported, that deputies were present from ten churches.

Of the Clergy, there were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

* The Rev. Mr. Cadle, who had been appointed to perform this duty, was prevented from attending, by severe affliction.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Church, Newton, and St. James's Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Deacon, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and Missionary to the vacant churches.*

Of the Laity,

George C. Thomas and Peter Kean, Esqrs. from St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

Robert Boggs and William P. Deare, Esqrs. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

Jacob Van Wickle and Oliver Johnston, Esqrs. and Mr. William Snowhill, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood;

Mr. Thomas Thompson, William Lloyd, James Lloyd and Corlis Lloyd, Esqrs. and Mr. Charles W. Parsons, St. Peter's Church, Freehold;

Messrs. James Throckmorton, Anthony Holmes, Mauritz De Hart, Samuel Holmes, Sen. and Joseph Dennis, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

Samuel Pintard, Esq. and Mr. Samuel Holmes, Jun. Christ-Church Middletown;

Dr. P. F. Glentworth, St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

Samuel J. Read, Esq. and Messrs. James Coppuck and Thomas Curtis, St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

Mr. Abraham Harris, St. Mary's Church, Colestown;

Charles C. Stratton, Esq. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The number of churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum; the members took their seats, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary. The Rev. John Croes, Jun. was duly elected. On motion, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn was appointed assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, Messrs. Edward Thomas, and Rob-

* The following clergymen, entitled to seats, were absent; the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. the Rev C. H. Wharton, D. D. the Rev. James Chapman, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, and the Rev. Henry P. Powers.

rt B. Croes, students in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and Mr. John Sellon a Candidate for holy orders in this Diocese, were invited to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, resolved, that the rules of order, established for the government of the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this.

Agreeably to the provisions of the forty-fifth canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

My Brethren of the Clergy, and of the Laity;

In making the address, required by the canons, at every meeting of diocesan Conventions, I have the pleasure to commence, with remarking, that I have been enabled, through Divine goodness, to visit almost every church in the diocese, since we last assembled.

On the termination of that meeting, I proceeded immediately to admit, in St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, to the holy order of Deacons, John Mortimer Ward of this Diocese.

The Sunday succeeding, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, preached to a numerous congregation, and administered the communion. I was assisted in the latter office, by the Rev. Mr. Ward; with whom the congregation—long vacant—immediately made an engagement for the half of his services. The residue, I engaged him to devote to the vacant churches, as a missionary.

In September, I visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, preached three times, and administered the holy rite of confirmation to twenty-six persons.

The Church at Shrewsbury preserves its strength and respectability; and its spiritual, as well as its temporal concerns, may be considered in an improving state. Since my last visit, the congregation has repaired and painted the interiour of its house of worship.

In the same month, I visited St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, preached to a large and attentive congregation, and administered the holy communion. The building belonging to this congregation—after having laid in ruins, many years—is at length neatly repaired, and improved.

The day succeeding, I visited the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, and officiated.

On Sunday, the 23d of September, I visited the vacant Church at Spotswood, and preached. I did the same also, on the following Wednesday.

On Sunday, the 30th of September, I visited Trinity-Church, at Newark, and performed divine service, and preached twice; and on Wednesday following, I officiated also at Williamsville, near Newark.

The congregation of Trinity-Church, Newark, preserves its standing, both as to numbers, and respectability; and it is to be hoped, that its spiritual condition keeps pace with its temporal.

On Friday, the fifth of October, I visited the congregation of Christ-Chapel, Belleville, vacant, and preached.

On Sunday the seventh, I visited also, the vacant Church at Paterson, celebrated divine service, and preached twice. This congregation, I have since learned, are using means to procure funds for the erection of a church.

I visited, on Monday, the eighth, St. Matthew's Church, Jersey, and officiated. This church, I am informed, is regularly supplied with a minister—the Rev. Cave Jones of New-York—on every second Sunday.

From the 30th of October to the 3d of November, I attended a special session of the General Convention, assembled in Philadelphia, on matters relating to the General Theological Seminary.

I again visited, on the third Sunday in Lent, (March the 10th, 1822,) the still vacant Church, at Spotswood, preached twice, and administered the holy communion.

On Sunday the 14th of April, I performed divine service and preached at St. James's Church, Piscataway, which still continues vacant.

On the third Sunday after Easter, I administered the apostolic rite of confirmation, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick; on which occasion, sixteen persons were confirmed.

This Church has, within a short time, been newly roofed, and otherwise repaired and improved: the congregation, though not large, are attached to the doctrines and worship of our Church; and unite in her holy services with much propriety, and, I trust, real devotion.

I visited, on the 21st of May, St. Michael's Church, at Trenton; and preached on the occasion.

On Sunday, the 26th of that month, I visited St. John's Church, Salem, and officiated in the morning. In the afternoon, I preached at St. George's Pennsneck, and administered confirmation to five persons. These churches preserve their standing.

The succeeding Thursday, I visited St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, and St. Stephen's-Church, Mullica-Hill, both vacant; and performed divine service, and preached at each of them.

On Sunday the 2d of June, I visited Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, and preached in the morning.

In the afternoon of that day, I preached also, at St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

I visited St. Andrew's-Church, Mount-Holly, on Wednesday, the 5th of June, on which occasion, I preached, and held a confirmation. The number confirmed was ten. I preached also in the evening.

On the succeeding day, I visited St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and preached in the evening.

It was also my intention to visit again, St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and preach, and administer the communion; but, though I succeeded in making the visit, on Sunday the 9th of June; I was prevented, by sickness, from performing any duties. From the same cause, I was not able to fulfil an appointment, which I had made to visit, in the afternoon of the same day, and officiate at, St. John's Church, Chew's Landing, vacant for many years, and almost extinct.

On Sunday the 16th of June, I visited St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town, and celebrated divine service and preached twice. The congregation of this

church, since my last report, has procured a handsome organ, which has already tended to improve its sacred music.

On Sunday the 30th of June, I visited the congregation of Christ-Church, Newton; but was prevented from preaching and administering the holy communion, as I had appointed, by severe indisposition. This congregation continues to flourish, and means are in progress to erect, with the Divine blessing, a handsome stone church, the next summer.

From the cause above mentioned, I was also prevented from proceeding to fulfil an appointment made, to preach at Christ-Church Johnsonburgh, on the afternoon of the same day; and to preach and administer the holy communion, on the following day, at St. James's Church, Knowlton.

I visited on Sunday the 21st July, Trinity-Church, at Woodbridge, and preached.

On the following Sunday, I visited St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, and preached both morning and afternoon.

I again visited St. James's Church, Piscataway, on Sunday the 11th of August, and officiated.

On Sunday the 18th, I visited Christ-Church, Middletown, and preached; and, on the afternoon of the same day, I again visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and also preached.

On Monday, the 19th of August, I visited St. Peter's Church, Freehold, and officiated. This Church is still vacant; but has the prospect of obtaining a minister very shortly.

It is, with great gratification, that I am able to state to you, my brethren, that more of the churches, in the diocese, have had stated regular service, during the year just past; and that the residue, still vacant, have, in general, been more frequently opened for public worship, in the same time, than at any former period: eighteen churches having had regular service, and ten having been occasionally, though often, served by the missionary, and other clergymen.

This state of things, under the Divine blessing, will, I have reason to hope, gradually improve; and, that, at

no very remote period, several of the yet vacant churches, will also be regularly supplied with ministers.

One person only has been admitted a candidate for holy orders, since the last Convention, Mr. John Sellon of Shrewsbury.

There has been also, but one ordination, that of the Rev. John M. Ward, before mentioned.

Four confirmations have been held. The number confirmed, fifty seven.

The Rev. Daniel Higbee, late a Presbyter of this diocese, has removed to the diocese of Delaware.

The several institutions in the diocese, connected with the church, continue, through the Divine blessing, to prosper. The funds belonging to them gradually increase; and to the application of one of them—the missionary fund—is principally to be ascribed, under God, the improved state of some of our long vacant and almost ruined churches, and the establishment of ministers in others.

The Sunday schools also are generally flourishing, and continue to produce their usual beneficial effects, among the children of the poor, and upo society in general.

It affords me a high degree of gratificatio to communicate to you, that, at a late General Convention, specially convened for the purpose; the conflicting claims of the General Theological Seminary, and of a Theological Seminary established in the diocese of New-York, relative to a bequest of the late Mr. Jacob Sherred; and which threatened for a time to disturb the peace and unity of the Church; were happily brought to a termination, by the organization of a Seminary to be composed of both; and, according to the conditions of the bequest, to be established in New-York.

The Seminary thus instituted, is already in successful operation, under professors of acknowledged talents and fidelity; and with students, respectable as to numbers, capacity, and diligence.

It is to be hoped, that the members of the Church in this diocese, especially those, upon whom God has bestowed wealth, will not be backward in contributing to

the support of an institution of such immense importance to the wellbeing and respectability of their Church, and of the holy religion, which they profess. The ultimate success of it, indeed, under the blessing of the Divine Head of the Church, will greatly depend upon their liberal donations, in connexion with the donations of the wealthy Episcopalians generally throughout the United States. Let none therefore withhold his proportion from an object of such weighty consequence to the Church of which he professes himself a member; and in whose respectability and usefulness, he cannot but feel the deepest interest.

I consider it my duty, also,—and it is with no small degree of pleasure, I perform it—to announce to you, that the General Convention of 1820, instituted a Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for general purposes. This was, however, not matured, till the late Special General Convention, when its organization was completed. The Society is now in operation. Its objects are, to send missionaries into the States and Territories, in which our church is not yet organized; and collect together the scattered members of our communion, who have migrated to those remote parts; and are now wandering about as sheep without shepherds;—to afford temporary and occasional assistance to those dioceses, which are not able of themselves to support the requisite missionaries; and to send missionaries also to the heathen of our own country; and, when opportunity offers, and its means are sufficient, to the heathen on the eastern continent, for the purpose of endeavouring to "turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God."

It is desirable, that every churchman, who, can conveniently pay three dollars a year, should become a member of this very useful Society. But, as many persons are unable to pay that sum, it is recommended to the several dioceses, to establish auxiliary societies or associations, the members of which to pay a much smaller sum, or to adopt any mode to give aid to the parent society, which, in cases, in which diocesan institutions already exist, may not interfere with such institutions.

I would, therefore, suggest to the Convention, the expediency of recommending to every congregation in the

diocese, to form a missionary association; the contributions of which to be transmitted every year to the Treasurer of the Convention, in aid of the collections, which are annually made, in the several churches, for missionery purposes: and that the Board of Directors of the missionary fund be authorized to transmit annually, so much of the avails of the fund, as they may think expedient, to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, for the use of the Society.

The liberal support of this truly Christian Institution, is a duty, which we owe to ourselves, as members of the Protestant Episcopal Church; the reputation of which, in this period of unusual exertion, in the extension of the Gospel, is deeply involved in its success; also as members of the Christian Church, at large, which necessarily imply, that we use the means and powers, with which GOD has endowed us, in endeavouring to extend the blessed kingdom of his Son, and to promote the spiritual interests of our fellow creatures.

I now offer the parochial reports, which have been presented to me, in conformity with the provisions of the 45th canon of the Church, by the Rectors, Ministers, and Wardens, of the several congregations in the diocese, that they may be read for the information of the Convention, and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Shrewsbury, August 21, 1822.

The Parochial reports were accordingly read, and are in substance as follow:

That of

Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, by
The Rt. Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Rector,

states, that

the number of families, in that Church, is about		52
of individuals, . . about		200
of communicants,	2 added, 3 removed,	40
of baptisms, since last Convention,		8
of marriages, do. .		9
of funerals, do.	2 of the congregation, 5 of others,	7

That the Sunday school, although lessened in number, in consequence of the increase of Sunday schools in the city, is still well attended by the teachers, and the progress of the scholars as great as usual. No deficiency of zeal and diligence is perceptible among the ladies, who principally conduct it; and the continuance of its good effects cannot be doubted. In the report of May last, the number of scholars was about forty.

The report of

Trinity-Church, Newark, by

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector-elect,

states, that

the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about.			55
of communicants,	removed 4 / added 5	about	78
of baptisms, since last Convention,			9
of funerals	do.		13

That the Sunday school, though quite small, has increased within the last year, and is still increasing: that in justice to those who have devoted their attention to this laudable object, it ought perhaps to be stated, that there are not the materials in the parish from which to constitute a numerous Sunday school, the whole number of poor children being small: that these have been industriously sought out, and importunately urged to attend; and that every credit is due to those, who have superintended their instruction.

Mr. Powers further reports, that while he has the satisfaction to see the congregation increasing, and unanimity prevailing, he hopes there is an increased attention to genuine piety.

The report of

St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, by

The Rev. JOHN C. RUDD, Rector,

states, that

the number of families & contributors is between		80 & 90
of communicants		98
of baptisms, since last Convention,		8

of marriages, do. . 1
of funerals, do. { 8 of the congregation / 3 of others } 11

The Sunday school of the congregation, has varied from 60 to 40 regular attendants. The superintendent and teachers have been attentive and persevering in the discharge of their duties.

The only material improvement in the congregation, in the last year, has been the putting up of an excellent organ.

The report of

St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, by

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector,

states, that

the number of families in that Church, is about 35
of communicants, { added 2 / removed 3 } 45
of baptisms, since last Convention, 6
of marriages, do. . . 2
of funerals, do. { 5 of the congregation / 9 of others } 14

That the Sunday school continues to flourish; the number of teachers and scholars about the same as last year.

The report of

Christ-Church, Newton, by

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Minister,

states, that

the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is about . . 45
of individuals, about . . 185
of communicants, . . 6
of baptisms, since last Convention, 11
of marriages, do. . . 1
of funerals, do. . . 7

The report of

St. James's, Church, Knowlton, by
The SAME, Minister,

states, that

the number	of families, in that Church, is	60
	of individuals, about . .	300
	of communicants, . .	22
	of baptisms, since last Convention,	17
	of funerals, do. . .	3

The report of

St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, by
The SAME, lately Minister.

states, that

the number	of families, in that Church, is	28
	of individuals, about . .	95
	of communicants, . .	5

The report of

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,
(VACANT.)

states, that

the number	of families, in that Church, is about	18
	of communicants, . .	20
	of baptisms, since last Convention,	10
	of marriages, do. . .	1
	of funerals, { 3 of the congregation, / 4 of others, }	7

The Sunday school in this Church, is quite flourishing.

The report of

St. Peter's Church, Freehold,
(VACANT.)

states, that

the number	of families, in that Church, is about	20
	of communicants, . .	12
	of baptisms, since last Convention,	2
	of marriages, do. . .	1
	of funerals, do. . .	3

The report of

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown, by

The Rev. JOHN CROES, Jun. Rector.

states, that

the number of families, in those Churches, is about		56
of communicants,		57
of baptisms, since last Convention,		
{ adults 5 / infants 7 }		12
of marriages,	do.	2
of funerals, do.	{ 10 of the congregations / 3 of others, &c. }	13
of persons confirmed, in September last,		26

The report of

St. Michael's Church, Trenton, by

The Rev. ABIEL CARTER, Rector,

states, that

the number of families in that Church, is about		75
of communicants,		60
of baptisms, since last Convention,		
{ adults 6 / infants 25 }		31
of marriages,	do.	4
of funerals,	do.	6

That since the last report, a commodious edifice, with two rooms, has been erected and finished, for the accommodation of the Sunday school. The number of scholars attached to this school is much smaller, than attended during the last year. This decrease is to be ascribed chiefly to the impossibility of keeping a competent number of teachers engaged. By the gentlemen of the congregation, little or no attention has ever been paid to the school; and, even among the ladies, the burden falls upon a very few. Had it not been for the great and unremitted exertions of these few, the school must have become utterly extinct. Too great praise cannot be bestowed upon those, who have thus persevered, notwithstanding the many discouraging circumstances, they have had to encounter. It affords pleasure to the Rector to state, however, that he has reason

to hope and trust, that an institution of so much importance to society will not be suffered to perish; but that it will continue to prove an effectual means of grace to many of the rising generation, who might otherwise perish for lack of knowledge.

The report of

St. Mary's Church, Burlington, by

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector,

states, that

the number of baptisms, since last Convention,

has been { infants, 4 / adults, 3 } 7

That eight or ten more infants are ready to be baptised; but that the Rector has been too unwell for some Sundays, to perform the ceremony.

The number of marriages, . . . 6

of funerals, . . . 7

That the congregation is increasing, and its members, in general, are decent and attentive.

The report of

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, by

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector,

states, that

the number of families and contributors, of that Church, is about 50

of individuals, . 190

of communicants, { 3 removed, / 4 added, } . . 26

of baptisms, since last Convention, . . 4

of marriages, . do. . . 2

That the state of the parish is much as usual. The Sunday school preserves its standing, and the young ladies, who teach it, manifest the most exemplary attention, faithfulness, and perseverance.

The report of

St. Mary's Church, Colestown, by

The Rev. John M. Ward, Minister,

states, that

the number of families and contributors of that Church, is about 60

of communicants,	2 deceased, 1 added,	3
of baptisms, since last Convention,		6
of marriages,		3
of interments in the grave-yard, which are not confined to the congregation,		41

at the situation of the Church is such as to render nstitution of a Sunday school in it, quite impracti-e. The children however, have been taught their hism, and an increasing attention to religion and e service, generally appears, in the congregation. report of

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley,

(Now Vacant,)

s, that

number of families, belonging to that Church, s about		18
of communicants,	4 deceased, 3 removed,	29
of baptisms,		1
of funerals,		7

that there has been an unusual degree of sickness mortality, in the congregation, during the present ner.

report of

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, by

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector,

s, that

number of communicants (11 deceased) is		154
of baptisms, since last Convention,	adults 1, infants 13,	14
of marriages,	do.	7
of funerals,	do.	54

death has considerably diminished the number e communicants and other members of the congre-on; the congregation, however, is still large, and ectable, and manifests an increasing zeal and fond-for the services and principles of our Church:

that the Sunday school is in a better state of discipline, than it has been for some time; the gentlemen of the town, having tendered their services to assist the ladies in their labours of love, and that there is every prospect of the school's progressing with spirit, and of its being ultimately crowned with the approbation and benediction of the King of saints.

The report of *St. John's Church, Salem,* by

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, Rector,

states, that

the number of families, in that Church, is about	28
of communicants, (3 added,) -	7
of marriages, since last Convention,	1
of funerals, . . .	1

The report of *St. George's Church, Pennsneck,* by

THE SAME, Rector,

states, that

the number of families, in that Church, is about	30
of communicants, . .	17
of baptisms, one adult, one infant,	2
of marriages, . .	1
of funerals, . . .	1

On motion, the clergy were called on for their reports of services, rendered as missionaries to vacant churches.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd reported, that he officiated twice, on a Sunday, in Christ-Church New-Brunswick, while the Bishop was absent, in the discharge of episcopal duties; and twice, on the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood. On the latter occasion he baptized one child.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman transmitted, a report, that he officiated, on two Sunday afternoons, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge; and on one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. reported, that he officiated, one Sunday, last autumn, in St. Peter's Church, Freehold; and that he has since attended one funeral, and performed two baptisms, in said Church. He also preached, one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, on occasion of the Bishop's administering confirmation.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn reported, that, since the last Convention, he has officiated twice, at Christ-Church, Johnsonburgh, twice at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, twice at Belvidere, twice at Hope, once in the the township of Frankford, twice in the neighbourhood of Sparta, and one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Carter reported, that he officiated on one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop; and on one Sunday at Belleville and Paterson.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse, reported, that, in consequence of absence from home and other circumstances, he has been unable to fulfil his missionary appointments.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that, in addition to his appointments, as missionary, he has preached three times on Sundays, and once on a week day, at St. Peter's Church, Berkeley;—on a week day at St. Peter's, Freehold; three times on week days, at Spotswood; on two week days at Mullica Hill; on a week day at Glassborough; twice, at Mr. David Stout's, in the vicinity of Spotswood; three times, on Sundays, at Woodbridge; on two Sundays at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop; and on a Sunday afternoon, at the long vacant Church, (St. John's,) at Chew's Landing.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass reported, that he had preached once, at St. John's Church, Chew's Landing, to an attentive congregation; and several times at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill.

The Rev. Mr. Cadle reported, that, he had, by appointment, preached, on two Sundays, at Christ-Church New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop; he had also, in addition, preached, on one Sunday, at St. John's Church, Chew's Landing, once at Mullica-Hill, and twice at Glassborough.

The Rev. Mr. Powers reported, that he had, by appointment of the Bishop, officiated on one Sunday, at Christ-Chapel, Belleville; and on one, at Paterson.

On motion, the clergy and wardens were called on for their reports of collections, for the missionary and episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected:

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal.*
In Trinity-Church, Newark,	0 00	12 67
St. John's do. Elizabeth-Town, 2 col.	13 47	11 40
St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,	9 00	5 00
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	18 00	0 00
Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	21 11	32 00
Christ-Church, Middletown,	0 00	4 50
St. Peters, do. Freehold, 7 col.	15 3	0 00
St. Peter's do. Spotswood, 4 col.	8 94	0 00
the Church at Paterson, 4 col.	13 28	0 00
Christ-Chapel, Belleville, 3 col.	18 80	0 00
St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, 1 col.	2 25	0 00
Trinity do. Woodbridge, 4 col.	13 51	0 00
St. James's Church, Piscataway, 4 col,	2 56	0 00
St. Michael's do. Trenton,	0 00	0 00
St. Mary's do. Burlington,	10 00	0 00
St. Mary's do. Colestown, 2 col.	14 20	9 00
St. Andrew's do. Mount Holly,	5 75	5 75
Trinity do. Swedesborough,	6 20	5 00
St. John's do. Salem,	5 00	7 00
St. George's do. Pennsneck,	3 00	2 37

William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, presented statements of his accounts, which were read; and, on motion, committed to the Rev. Mr. Carter and Oliver Johnston, Esq. to examine and report thereon.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to the increase of the missionary fund, and make report thereon. The following persons were selected to compose that Committee, the Rev. Mr. Rudd, the Rev. G. Y. Morehouse, Dr. P. F. Glentworth, and Samuel J. Read, Esq.

On motion of P. Kean, Esq. it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the General Theological Seminary, and report thereon. The persons named for this Committee were, Peter Kean, Esq. the Rev. John Croes, Jun. the Rev. A Carter, and Robert Boggs, Esq.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention assembled.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correctly stated.

A. Carter,
O. Johnston,

Which report was accepted, and the accounts ordered to be annexed to the Journal. [*See Appendix*, No. III.]

Peter Kean, Esq. who had been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Bishop's fund, in the congregation of St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town, reported, that he had made no progress in obtaining subscriptions, during the past year. Whereupon, resolved, that George C. Thomas, Esq. be associated with Mr. Kean, in the further prosecution of that object.

The Committee, appointed to take into consideration so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to the increase of the missionary fund, reported the following resolutions; which were adopted.

Resolved, first, that it be recommended to every congregation in the diocese to form a missionary association; the contributions of which, to be transmitted every year to the Treasurer of the Convention, in aid of the collections, which are annually made, in the several churches, for missionary purposes.

Resolved, secondly, that the Board of Directors of the missionary fund, be authorized to transmit annually, so much of the avails of the fund, as they may think expedient, to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, for the use of the society.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rudd, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, the subject of the Bishop's powers in the Convention of his diocese; and that said Committee be authorized to report such measures relative to it, as they may deem proper to be adopted by the Convention.

The persons appointed to compose that Committee, were the Rev. Messrs. Rudd, Croes, Jun. and Morehouse, and James Thockmorton, Corlis Lloyd, and Oliver Johnston, Esqrs.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to the General Theological Seminary, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, first, that early measures be taken for raising the sum of $2000, for the purpose of establishing a scholarship in the Seminary, to be called the New-Jersey scholarship.

Resolved, secondly, that all sums subscribed, be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this Convention; and that, in case a sufficient sum shall not be immediately raised, the sums, so paid, shall be placed by him, at interest, with good security, until they shall amount to the sum necessary for founding such scholarship.

Resolved, thirdly; that eight persons be appointed to solicit subscriptions to this object, in the several congregations of the Church, in the diocese.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of two Trustees, the number to which this diocese is entitled, in the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. On counting the votes, it was found that the Rev. John Croes, Jun. and Peter Kean, Esq. were elected.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half past nine o'clock.

Thursday, August 22, 1822.

The Convention met, at half past nine o'clock, A. M.

Prayers were read, by the Rev. John M. Ward.

It was moved, that the persons be now appointed, who are to solicit subscriptions for the establishment of a scholarship, in the General Theolbgical Seminary. Whereupon,

Peter Kean, Esq. was appointed to solicit from the Episcopalians, in . . Essex County.

Mr. Daniel Curlis from those, in Sussex.

Joseph Marsh, Esq. do. Middlesex.

Dr. P. F. Glentworth,	do.	Hunterdon.
Rev. George Y. Morehouse,	do	Burlington, and St. Mary's, Colestown.
Charles C. Stratton, Esq.	do.	Gloucester.
Daniel Garrison, Esq.	do.	Salem.
Rev. John Croes, jun.	do.	Monmouth.

On motion, the persons appointed solicitors, were directed to make report of their proceedings, at the next Convention.

The Board of Directors of the missionary fund, presented, through their President, a report of their proceedings for the last year, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal. [*See Appendix*, No. II.]

The report of the Standing Committee was also presented, read, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal. [*See Appendix*, No. I.]

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the powers of the Bishop, in the Convention of his diocese, report, that they have had the matter under consideration, and offer to the Convention the following proposed addition to the Constitution, to be entered on the Journal for consideration, at the next Convention.

All canons, and other acts of the Convention, shall be signed by the Bishop for the time being; and, in case of his declining to sign any canon or act, he shall give to the Convention his reasons for it: such canon or act, shall nevertheless be considered valid, if subsequently passed, by three fourths of the members present.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of deputies to the General Convention, for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
J. C. Rudd,	William P. Deare, Esq.
J. Chapman,	Peter Kean, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Jacob Van Wickle, Esq.
of the clergy;	of the laity.

For deputies to the General Convention:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean, Esq.
J. C. Rudd,	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	Dr. P. F. Glentworth,
G. Y. Morehouse,	Wm. T. Anderson, Esq.
of the clergy;	of the laity.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any moneys that have been received, since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal fund.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed, the last year, and that they be distributed, in the same proportions.

It was moved, and carried, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Prolestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested, John Croes, Jun. Secretary.

*** The next annual Convention will be held at Elizabeth-Town, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1823.

☞ *Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Church, Newton, and St. James's, Knowlton.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Deacon, Rector-elect of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. John Mortimer Ward, Deacon, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and Missionary to the vacant churches.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of New-Jersey, for the year commencing August 22, 1821.

Mount-Holly, August 22, 1821.

The Standing Committee met, immediately after their appointment.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd,
A. Carter,
of the clergy;

Robert Boggs, Esq.
William P. Deare, Esq.
Peter Kean, Esq.
P. F. Glentworth, M. D.
of the laity.

The Rev. J. C. Rudd was chosen President, and the Rev. J. Croes, Jun. Secretary.

Mr. John M. Ward made application for the testimonial, required by the twelfth canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Deacons' Orders. The certificates presented by Mr. Ward, being satisfactory, it was resolved to grant the testimonial required.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers made application for the testimonial, required by the twelfth canon aforesaid, in order to his admission to Priests' Orders. Having, through the President, laid before the Committee, satisfactory certificates of his piety, and orderly conduct; and also, a certificate from the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity-Church, Newark, of his election, as their minister, it was agreed to grant him the testimonial.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

New-Brunswick, Oct. 22, 1821.

The Standing Committee met, pursuant to notice from the President.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd,
A. Carter,
Dr. Glentworth,
Robert Boggs, Esq.
P. Kean, Esq.

The President laid before the Committee a letter from James Parker, Esq. informing him, that he could not attend the General Convention as a deputy from this state.

The Committee therefore proceeded to the appointment of a deputy to that body, in the room of James Parker, Esq. when Andrew Bell, Esq. was duly appointed.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

New-Brunswick, April 29, 1822.

Agreeably to notice from the President, the Standing Committee met.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd,
John Croes, Jun.
Abiel Carter,
of the clergy;
Peter Kean, Esq.
Robert Boggs, Esq.
Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
P. F. Glentworth, M. D.
of the laity.

Mr. John Sellon made application for the testimonial, required by the seventh canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission as a candidate for Holy Orders; and having produced the necessary certificates, it was unanimously resolved to grant the testimonial.

The Committee adjourned.

J. C. RUDD, *President,*

Attested, J. CROES, Jun. *Sec'y.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Board of Directors, to whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That, as was mentioned in their last communication, the Rev. Mr. Ward had been engaged to perform the duties of a missionary to the vacant churches. This engagement was for the half of his time, for one year, commencing on the first of October last, on the condition of his receiving $150 in aid of his support. The other half, he had consented to devote to St. Mary's Church, Colestown, on a stipulation made between him and the Vestry of that Church. Mr. Ward has been enabled thus far, faithfully, and, as they trust, usefully, to fulfil his engagements.

In his report to the Bishop,—ex-officio President of the Board,—it appears, that he has, since his appointment, performed divine service, and preached, on five Sundays in the congregation at Paterson, and baptized one infant;—on three Sundays at Christ Chapel, Belleville, and baptized two infants;—on three Sundays, at St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria;—on one Sunday and two week days, at Mr. Robert Sharp's, Amwell;—on seven Sundays, and one week day, at St. Peter's, Freehold;—on seven Sundays and one week day at St. Peter's, Spotswood, and baptized two children;—on four Sundays, and one week day, at St. James's, Piscataway;—and on four Sundays, and one week day, at Trin. Church, Woodbridge.

That he has, in addition to his performances of the regular services of the Sanctuary, distributed catechisms among the children, and examined their progress in the study of them, in several churches, in which the measure was practicable.

He further states, that he has found the people of the congregations, in which he officiated, attend divine service, generally, very well; and, in many cases, unite in that holy exercise, with great propriety and solemnity.

He reports, that the collections for the missionary fund, during the time he has officiated, amount to $74 37.

The Board also report, that they, through their President, continued to the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Missionary to the Churches in Sussex, the sum of $ 50, for the year lately passed, in consideration of his not, as yet, receiving the proceeds of all the church property, at Newton; a part of it being under a lease, the rent of which having been anticipated, in the erection of buildings.

They also report, that the sum of $ 18 has been allowed to the Rev. Mr. Douglass, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, for performing missionary duties at the vacant Church at Glassborough; that church being out of the course of Mr. Ward's mission, it was thought the best mode thus to supply it. Mr. Douglass reports, that he has officiated on six Sundays, and two week days, at that church, and administered the Lord's supper once.

Signed, by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, Pres't.

Shrewsbury, August 22, 1822.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

		Dr. Dolls.	Cents.
1821.			
September,	To Cash paid Bishop Croes, for Postage,		32
Oct. 29.	do. paid William Myer, for printing Journal,	30	00
Nov. 1.	do. paid Rev. John M. Ward, Missionary, on account,	30	00
11.	do. loaned, No. XVIII.	100	00
9.	do. paid Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Missionary, on account,	25	00
1822.			
Jan. 26.	do. paid Rev. Mr. Ward, Missionary, on account,	25	00
May 31.	do. paid Rev. Mr. Douglass, do. in full,	18	00
July 1.	do. paid Rev. C. Dunn, do. in full,	25	00
Aug. 10.	Cash loaned, Bond and Mortgage, No. XIX.	300	00
15.	do. paid Rev. Mr. Ward, Missionary, on account,	75	00
21.	do. do. do. in full,	20	00
	Balance in the Treasury,	247	83

STATE OF THE FUND.

Cash in the Treasury	$ 237 33
Bond No. I.	400 00
Do. No. IV.	150 00
Do. No. VII.	150 00
Do. No IX.	100 00
Do. No. XIII.	150 00
Do. No. XIV.	500 00
Note for interest	94 29
Bond No. XVI.	190 2
Do. No. XVII.	150 00
Do. No. XIX.	300 00
Six per cent stock	750 00
Amount of Missionary Fund,	$3171 64

$896 15

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

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1821.		Dolls.	Cents.
August 22.	By balance in Treasury	289	93
Sept. 21.	By Cash of Mr. Sharp on account of rent due on Amwell property, to April 1st, last,	36	00
1822.			
Feb. 16.	By collection in St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town for 1821.	8	88
March 27.	By do. in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, for 1822.	18	00
May 11.	By Interest, No. XVI. one year,	13	30
July 1.	By collection, St. John's, Salem,	5	00
	do. St. George's, Pennsneck,	3	00
	do. St. Peter's, Amboy, in May	9	00
July 13.	By Principal, No. XV.	150	00
	Interest, do.	9	16
Aug. 1.	By Principal and Interest, No. XVIII. in full,	105	25
Aug. 15.	By collections, by the Rev. Mr. Ward, viz: 4 collections, Piscataway, $2 56—4 Woodbridge, 13 51—7 Freehold, 15 3—4 Spotswood, 8 94—3 Belleville, 18 80—1 Alexandria 2 25—4 Paterson, 13 28.	74	37
	By Interest, No. XVII one year	10	50
	By do. 6 per cent stock, to July 1st.	45	00
17.	By do. No. IV. $10 50.—Do. No. XIII. $10 50	21	00
20.	By do. No. I. 28 00.—Do. No. IX. 7 00	35	00
	By do. No. VII.	10	50
21.	By collection, St. John's, Elizabeth-Town,	5	00
	By do. Trinity, Swedesborough,	6	20
	By do. Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	21	11
	By do. St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	5	75
	By do. St. Mary's Church, Colestown,	14	20
		$898	15

Errors excepted. WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

The Bishop's fund in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1821.			
August 31.	To Cash paid Bishop Crees, per order of Convention,	$150 00	
	To Balance in the Treasury,	268 81	
			$418 81

STATE OF THE FUND.

United States stock,	$500 00
Bond, No. I.	233 19
Do. III.	330 00
Note, No. IV.	100 00
Cash in the Treasury,	268 81
Amount of Bishop's fund,	$1482 00

Cr.

1821.			
August 22.	By balance in the Treasury,		$405 40
1822.			
April 25.	By collection, Trinity Church, Newark,		12 67
May .	By interest, No. III. one year,		26 60
28.	By cash, subscription, Mrs Ann Parker,		15 00
July 1.	By subscription of Rev. Mr Douglass,		8 00
	By subscription of Rev. Samuel C. Stratton,		10 00
5.	By collection, St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,		5 00
	By interest on No. I. to August, inst.		15 19
	By interest Scrip. 7 per cent, 1 year, to Aug. 1.		35 00
10.	By interest No. IV. one year,		7 00
21.	By collection, St. John's, Elizabeth Town,		11 40
	By do. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,		5 00
	By two do. Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,		32 00
	By one do. Christ Church, Middletown,		4 50
	By do. St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,		5 75
	By subscription, George C. Thomas, Esq.		20 00
	Errors excepted,		$418 81

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL CONVENTION, OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30, 1822.

Constitution of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

I. The Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, shall be permanently established in the state of New-York. The trustees of the said seminary shall have power, from time to time, to establish one or more branch schools in the state of New-York, or elsewhere, to be under the superintendance and control of the said trustees.

II. The management of the said seminary shall be vested in a board of trustees, who shall have power to constitute professorships, and to appoint the professors, and to prescribe the course of study in the respective schools, and to make rules and regulations and statutes for the government thereof; and generally to take such measures as they may deem necessary to its prosperity; provided, that such rules and regulations, and course of study, and measures be not repugnant to the constitution and canons of the church, and to the course of study for candidates for orders, which is, or may be established by the house of bishops.—The bishops, in their individual and collective capacity, shall be visiters of the seminary, and shall see that the course of instruction and discipline be conducted agreeably to the foregoing provision.—The trustees shall make report to every general convention of their proceedings, and of the state of the seminary.

III. The board of trustees shall be permanently constituted, as follows:—The bishops of the church shall be ex-officio members of the board. Every diocese shall be entitled to one trustee, and one additional trustee for every eight clergymen in the same; and to one additional trustee for every two thousand dollars of moneys, in any way given or contributed in the same to the funds of the seminary, until the sum amounts to 10,000 dollars; and one additional trustee for every 10,000 dollars of contributions and donations, as aforesaid, exceeding that sum. The trustees shall be resident in the dioceses for which they are appointed. They shall be nominated by the diocesan conventions respectively, to every stated general convention, who may confirm or reject such nominations. The senior bishop present shall preside at every meeting of the board of trustees; and, whenever demanded by a majority of the bishops present, or a majority of the clerical and lay trustees present, the concurrence of a majority of the bishops present, and a majority of clerical and lay trustees present, shall be necessary to any act of the board. Eleven trustees shall constitute a quorum. The trustees shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. In the interval between the stated meetings of the general convention, the board shall have power to supply all vacancies, from the dioceses respectively in which they may have occurred.

IV. For the present, and until the next stated general convention, the board of trustees shall consist of the bishops of the church, and of the 24 trustees of the general Theological Seminary, heretofore established by the General Convention, and of 14 trustees chosen by the managers of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Education Society in the state of New-York. These trustees shall exercise the powers of the permanent board, as detailed in the foregoing article, and agreeably to the provisions thereof.

The board of trustees shall always meet in the diocese where the seminary is established, at such stated periods as they may determine; and special meetings may be called by the bishop of the said diocese, and shall be called by him at the requisition of a majority of the *bishops.*

V. The professors of the General Theological Seminary heretofore established by the General Convention, and the professors in the Theological Seminary in the diocese of New-York, shall be professors in the General Theological Seminary hereby established in that diocese.

The board of trustees shall have power to remove professors and other officers: but no professors shall be removed from office, except at a special meeting of the board called to consider the same; nor unless notice of an intended motion for such removal, and of the grounds thereof, shall have been given at a previous meeting of the board. The nomination of professors shall be made at one meeting of the board of trustees, and acted upon at a subsequent meeting; due notice being given of the object of the said meeting to every member of the board.

VI. The funds and other property, and claims to funds or property of the General Theological Seminary, heretofore established by the General Convention, shall be vested in, and transferred to the General Seminary hereby established, as soon as an act of the board of managers of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Education Society, in the state of New-York, shall vest in and transfer to the same Seminary, all their funds, and other property and claims to funds and property—and all engagements and responsibilities entered into, or assumed by either of the said institutions, for the purpose of their foundation, consistent with the other provisions of this constitution, shall be considered as binding upon the General Seminary, so established within the state of New-York.

VII. This constitution shall be unalterable, except by a concurrent vote of the board of trustees, and of the General Convention.

The Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America.

ART. I.

This institution shall be denominated the *Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America.*

ART. II.

It shall be composed of the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of the members of the house of clerical and lay deputies of the General Convention of said church, for the time being; and of such other persons, as shall contribute, by subscription, three dollars, or more, annually to the objects of the institution, during the continuance of such contributions; and of such as shall contribute at once thirty dollars, which contribution shall constitute them members for life.

Members who pay fifty dollars, on subscribing, shall be denominated patrons of the society.

It shall be the privilege of the subscribers, to designate, on their subscriptions, to which of the objects, domestic or foreign, they desire their contributions to be applied. If no specification be made, the board of directors, may apply them to either, or both, at their discretion.

ART. III.

The society shall meet triennially, at the place, in which the General Convention, shall hold its session. The time of meeting shall be on the first day of the session, at five o'clock, P. M.

A sermon shall be preached, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the society, at such time, during the session of the Convention, as may be determined at the annual meeting: the preacher to be appointed by the house of bishops.

ART. IV.

The presiding bishop of this church, shall be president of the society; the other bishops, according to seniority, vice-presidents. There shall be two secretaries, and twenty-four directors, who shall be chosen, by ballot, at each meeting.

ART. V.

The directors, together with the president, vice-presidents, and patrons of the society—who shall, ex-officio, be directors—shall compose a body to be denominated the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America. They shall meet annually in the city of Philadelphia, except in the year of the meeting of the General Convention, when they shall assemble at the place of the meeting thereof. *Nine* members of the board of directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business.

The meetings of the board of directors shall always be opened with using a form of prayer to be set forth by the house of bishops for that purpose, or one or more suitable prayers selected from the liturgy.

ART. VI.

At the annual meetings, all missionary stations, appointments of missionaries, and appropriations of money, and all by-laws necessary for their own government, and for conducting the affairs of the missions, shall be made; provided, that all appointments of missionaries shall be with the approbation of the bishops present. Special meetings may be called by the president, or by one of the vice-presidents, as often as may be necessary to carry into effect, the resolutions adopted at the annual meetings of the board; at which special meetings, *seven* members, including the president, or one of the vice-presidents, shall be a quorum to transact business.

The board of directors, whether at their annual or special meetings, may appoint such committees as may be necessary or useful.

Art. VII.

There shall be annually appointed a treasurer and two members of the society, who together shall be termed trustees of the permanent fund.

The treasurer shall receive all contributions which shall be made to the society, and enter them in detail, distinguishing between what may be contributed for domestic, and what for foreign purposes, if any such distinction should be made; and present a statement of his accounts annually, or oftener, if required, to the board of directors. He shall not pay moneys unless on an order from the board, signed by the president, or in his absence, by the senior vice-president, who may attend the meeting, when such order is given.

Twenty per cent of all moneys, which shall be contributed, to carry into effect the objects of the institution, shall be vested by the trustees, in their own name, as officers of the society, in some safe and productive stock, to constitute a permanent fund. The residue of the contributions, with the interest arising from the permanent fund, shall be appropriated to the objects, for which the society was formed.

Art. VIII.

The board of directors, at their annual meetings, shall take such measures as they may deem proper, to establish auxiliary societies in any diocese, with the advice and consent of the bishop of the same; to secure patronage, and to enlarge the funds of the institution. The bishop of every diocese shall be president of the auxiliary societies organized within it.

Art. IX.

In any diocese or district where there is a bishop or an ecclesiastical body duly constituted under the authority of the convention of the same for missionary purposes, aid may be given in money; but the appointment of the missionary shall rest with the bishop or ecclesiastical body aforesaid. He shall act under their direction; and shall render to them a report of his proceedings, copies of which shall be forwarded to this society.

ART. X.

The board of directors shall, at every meeting of the society, present a detailed report of their proceedings; which, if approved and adopted by the society, shall, on the next day, be presented by their president, to the General Convention, as the report of the society.

ART. XI.

The present convention shall elect, by ballot, the twenty-four directors and the two secretaries, provided for, by the 4th article, to act till the first stated meeting of the society; and the first meeting of the board of directors shall take place at Philadelphia, on the third Wednesday in November instant.

ART. XII.

It is recommended to every member of this society, to pray to Almighty God, for his blessing upon its designs, under the full conviction, that unless he direct us in all our doings, with his most gracious favour, and further us, with his continual help, we cannot reasonably hope, either to procure suitable persons to act as missionaries, or expect that their endeavours will be successful.

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ON THE

TWENTIETH AND TWENTY-FIRST DAYS OF AUGUST,

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ELIZABETH-TOWN, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1823.

THIS being the place and time for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled, in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Abiel Carter, and a sermon preached, by the Rev. Richard F. Cadle. The Bishop then held an ordination, and admitted to the holy order of Deacons, Robert B. Croes of the diocese.

After the performance of these religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. James Chapman, and George C. Thomas Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of appointment of the lay deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported that deputies were present from eleven churches.

OF THE CLERGY, THERE WERE PRESENT,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, officiating in Christ-Church, Newton, and St. James's Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Deacon, officiating in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and St. Peter's Church, Freehold;

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, officiating in St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Robert Brown Croes, Deacon, missionary.*

OF THE LAITY,

George Nelson, Esq. Dr. Uzal Johnson, and Mr. Thomas Whitlock, from Trinity-Church, Newark.

James Ricketts, Matthias D. DeHart, George C. Thomas, Peter Kean, William Dayton, Matthias Ogden, and John J. Chetwood, Esqs. St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

Joseph Marsh, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

William P. Deare, Esq. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

Dr. P. F. Glentworth, and William Halsted, Jun. Esq. St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

Jacob Van Wickle, Esq. and Capt. Daniel Snowhill, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

Mr. Thomas Thompson, St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

Messrs. John Lazelere, and David Allison, St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

Messrs. John Dobbins, and James Coppuck, St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

* The clergymen of the Diocese, not present, were the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. and the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.

Charles C. Stratton, Esq. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The number of churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum, the members took their seats, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a secretary. The Rev. John Croes, Jun. was duly elected.

On motion, the Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, a Professor in the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, the Rev. Abiel Carter, of the Diocese of Georgia, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, of the Diocese of New-York, Mr. Roosevelt Johnson, a candidate for orders in the Diocese of New-York, lately a member of the Theological Seminary, and Mr. ——— Stone, a proposed candidate, being at this time, in Elizabeth-Town, were invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the rules of order, established for the government of the last Convention, were read; and a Resolution passed, that they be adopted for the government of this.

Agreeably to the provisions of the forty-fifth canon of the General Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

WE are permitted again, by the good providence of God, my Clerical and Lay brethren, to assemble for the purpose of considering the state of the Church, within our limits; and to devise the best modes, under God, for its preservation, promotion, purity, and good order. As on these occasions, it is required of me, in the office I sustain, to deliver an address to you, "stating the affairs of the Diocese, since our last meeting; the names of the churches, which I have visited; the number of persons confirmed; the names of those, who have been received as candidates for orders; and of those who have been ordained, suspended, or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the clergy; and in general, all matters tending to throw

light on the affairs of the Diocese:" I proceed, therefore, to the performance of this duty.

At the close of our last Convention, I continued my visit to the congregation of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and preached twice, on the following Sunday.

On Sunday the 22d. September, 1822, I visited St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, and performed divine service, preached, and administered the holy communion. I also baptized an adult. This church is now vacant. It was my intention, on this tour, to visit also the vacant congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell; but on the day, which I had appointed, it stormed so violently, that I could not travel.

I visited Trinity-Church, Newark, on Sunday the 13th of October, succeeding; and officiated both morning and afternoon. On the following Wednesday, I held an ordination, in that church, and admitted to the holy order of priests, the Rev. Henry P. Powers, who had been elected its Rector. On the succeeding morning, I instituted the Rev. Mr. Powers into the Rectorship of the said church, and, in the afternoon, held a confirmation there; on which occasion, that holy rite was administered to twenty persons.

On Friday the 18th October, I visited Christ-Chapel, Belleville, and preached; and on the Sunday succeeding, the 20th of October, I also visited the vacant congregation at Paterson, and officiated twice.

On Monday the 21st, I visited St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, and preached on the occasion.

I visited St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, on Sunday the 17th November, and preached both morning and afternoon.

On Thursday the 3d of April, 1823, I again visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, preached, and administered the rite of confirmation, to thirteen persons. I also preached in the evening.

In May, I attended the triennial session of our General Convention, at Philadelphia. It will doubtless give you satisfaction to be informed, that the greatest harmony prevailed in the proceedings of that body. From the reports presented of the state of the Church, in the several Dioceses, it appeared, that its progress, both as it re-

spects numbers, order, and piety, had been considerable, during the recess. From communications also, relative to its Theological Seminary, and its Domestick and Foreign Missionary Society, it appeared, that the former Institution was in successful progress; and the latter had commenced its operations, under favorable auspices. Measures were adopted in the Convention to give greater effect to the proceedings of both these Institutions. During the session, the very interesting circumstance of the consecration of a Bishop for the Diocese of North Carolina took place;—a Diocese not known in our Church till the year 1817.—The Rev. John S. Ravenscroft late a Presbyter of the Diocese of Virginia was the person consecrated to that office. Among other important circumstances, the church in the state of Georgia now first regularly organized into a Diocese, was admitted into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and a seat in the Convention given to her deputies.

On Trinity-Sunday, while attending the General Convention, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, now vacant, and officiated.

I visited on Friday, the 30th of May, St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, vacant; and performed divine service and preached, in the morning. In the afternoon, I performed the same service, at St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill, also vacant.

On the first Sunday, after Trinity, I visited St. George's Church, Pennsneck, and officiated in the morning. In the afternoon I repaired to St. John's Church, Salem, and officiated there also.

On Monday, June the 2d, I visited Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, intending to preach there on the next day. I was however prevented by sickness, which confined me, at that village, several days. From the same cause, though I visited in the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, I was unable to officiate. I was also prevented from fulfilling an appointment, I had made to visit St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

On the third Sunday after Trinity—June 15th—I visited, on my return from Swedesborough, St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and preached twice. I also visit-

ed on Monday the 16th, St. Michael's Church, Trenton and preached.

On Wednesday, June 25th, I again visited St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, and held a confirmation. The number confirmed was eighteen. It was my intention to have proceeded from Elizabeth-Town to visit the churches in Sussex County; but I found myself not sufficiently well, to bear the fatigue of the journey. I learn, however, that a considerably large and commodious church, constructed of stone, is erecting at Newton, by the congregation of Christ-Church, in that place; which, it is expected, will be ready for consecration, early in November next.

On the seventh Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, preached, and administered the communion.

On the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, and preached both morning and afternoon.

I made an appointment also to visit, on the twelfth Sunday after Trinity, the vacant churches of Trinity, Woodbridge, and St. Peters, Piscataway; but want of health prevented my fulfilling it.

In the three confirmations, which have been noticed, as taken place, during the year; the number confirmed was fifty one.

Mr. John Sellon, admitted last year, as a candidate for holy orders, was, at his request, transferred, by a letter dimissory, to the Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, by whom he has since been admitted to orders.

The ordinations have been two, the Rev. Henry P. Powers, before mentioned, to the order of Priests; and, as you have just witnessed, Robert B. Croes, to the order of Deacons.

One institution only has taken place, the Rev. Mr. Powers to the Rectorship of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, has relinquished his charge, as Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, and removed to Savannah, in the state of Georgia.

The Rev. John M. Ward, has removed from St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and St. Peter's, Freehold.

The Rev. William L. Johnson, a Deacon, lately of the Diocese of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart, been transferred to this Diocese, and is now officiating in St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, late Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's Pennsneck, has resigned his charge, and removed to the Diocese of New-York.

The state of the Church in this Diocese, is on the whole favourable. The funds created for her advancement, as the fund for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen, the missionary fund, the bishop's fund, and the fund of the society for promoting christian knowledge and piety, are all in a state of gradual augmentation, have already been productive of much good, and promise still more.

Something has been done towards carrying into effect, the resolution of the last Convention, relative to the creation of a fund for the establishment of a scholarship, in the General Theological Seminary. It is, however, to be regretted, that its progress has been so slow.

There is the same cause for regret, that the resolutions of the last Convention, providing for an increase of the missionary fund, by associations in the several congregations, with the view of appropriating part of its proceeds to the service of the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, has been so little regarded. With the exception of two congregations, to which great praise is due, there has not, as far as I have learned, any attention been paid to the subject.

Let us hope, that the recommendation of the Convention may, through Divine grace, have its proper influence in future upon the several congregations; and that the Church of New-Jersey may not be behind her sister churches, in contributing to the great work of extending the Gospel, both to the scattered members of our communion, in the new states and territories of our country; and to the benighted Indian tribes, and other heathen, who are now sitting in darkness and the shadow of death.

I now offer the parochial reports, which have been presented to me, by the proper officers of the several congregations in the Diocese, that they may be read for the information of the Convention, and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Elizabeth-Town, August 20, 1823.

The parochial reports were accordingly read, and are in substance as follow:

The report of *Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,* the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Rector, states, that there are families in that church, about 58—individuals 220—communicants, (4 added, 4 deceased and removed 40—that there have been, baptisms, (1 adult, 11 children, 4 of which, out of the congregation,) 12—marriages 4—funerals, (7 of the congregation, 4 of others) 11. That the Sunday School has suffered no diminution, neither has there been any declension of the zeal, the fidelity, and diligence of the superintendent, and teachers, nor of the industry and progress of the scholars.

The Rector also observes, that it gives him great satisfaction to state, that from twelve to fifteen ladies, principally young, have, without any formal association, by the collection of small sums, and by the sale of various useful and ornamental articles, the productions of their ingenuity and industry, made up a sum, since February last, amounting to $56 for the missionary fund. Such zeal, and such prompt compliance with the recommendation of the Convention, he remarks, do them great credit, and deserve honorable mention.

Of *Trinity-Church, Newark,* the Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector, states, that there are families in that church, about 55—communicants, (12 added, 6 deceased and 6 removed) 78—that there have been, baptisms, 20—marriages (not belonging to the parish) 6—funerals, (7 in the congregation, 10 others) 19—and that the Sunday School contains about its usual number of scholars.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, the Rev. J. C.), D. D. Rector, families and contributors, about communicants, 98—baptisms, 8—marriages, 4—fu- s, (7 of the congregation, 7 others) 14—that the ay School is, at present, in a low state, owing to ıdisposition of the Rector, and other unavoidable mstances.

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, the Rev. James 'man, Rector, families, about 40—communicants, baptisms, 3—funerals, (3 of the congregation, 6 of s) 9—that the Sunday School has increased; the ber of teachers, 10—of scholars, 146.

Christ-Church, Newton, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, on, Minister, families and contributors, about 45— nunicants, 6—marriages, 2—funerals, 2—that the e of worship, commenced, in the present season, by ongregation of this church, will it is expected, be ed and ready for consecration, some time, in the ng Autumn.

St. James' Church, Knowlton, the Rev. Clark- Dunn, also Minister, families, about 60—communi- , (1 deceased) 21—baptisms, 10—funerals, 1.

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, the Rev. John M. D, Deacon, Minister, families and contributors, 55 lividuals, about 200—communicants, (2 added) 20— sms, 14—marriages, 3—funerals, (5 of the congre- n, 4 of others) 9—that the church has been lately oved, by the addition of a vestry room and sur- ; that the Sunday School attached to it, is in a ve- urishing condition, the present number of scholars, h attend it, about 50; that the ladies, on whom the en of management and instruction has chiefly fallen, manifested a zeal and attention highly commenda-

St. Peter's Church, Freehold, the Rev. John M. D, also Minister, families, and contributors, 50— lar attendants on public worship, from 180 to 200— nunicants, 16—baptisms, 2—marriages, 1—funerals, nat a new and substantial fence, has been erected nd the church-ground, during the year past; and a y room constructed in the church.

Of *Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, dletown*, the Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector, fam about 56—communicants, (11 added, 6 removed an ceased) 62—baptisms, (17 adults, 6 children) 23— riages, 3—funerals, 5—number confirmed, 13.

The Rector is happy to state, that the *spiritual* cerns of these congregations appear to have been prosperous the last year, than at any former period additions to the communion, and the adult baptisms ing exceeded those of any other year, since he has the charge of them. Still there have not been wa circumstances in the *temporal* affairs of the congrega lately, which have tended to throw some shade these bright prospects. He trusts, however, that he has declared "the gates of hell shall not prevail ag his church," will work all things together for good that the minds of none of his congregations, will b pirited or lose their accustomed zeal. He would leave for their encouragement, as well as that of congregations, to point out the difference betwee state of the churches as they now are, and as they when he took charge of them, in the year 1809. A first report, which he made, he could number b communicants, while the property of the congrega for the first three years, yielded scarcely any inc Now the yearly income of the churches—arising their property—exceeds $400, and the number o communicants has increased more than four-fold. them bear these things in mind, and whatever ma the discouragements they may meet with, let the solve to adhere firmly to their church—to the faith delivered to the saints, believing that although c and darkness may sometimes approach them, ye light of peace and prosperity will again, in due make its appearance. The Rector states, in add that there is a sunday-school attached to the cong tion at Shrewsbury, which is kept, at the village o ton Falls, about two and a half miles from the ch The members are so scattered that it has been foun practicable to support one at the former place. number of children who attend at the Falls, is abo and great credit is due to those teachers, who hav

long and so perseveringly continued to give their attention to it.

Of *St. Michael's Church, Trenton*, the Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, Minister, families, about 70—communicants, 57—baptisms, since the 19th of January last, when he commenced his ministry in that church, 12—funerals, do. 3—that the Sunday School attached to that church is not now flourishing; although the exertions and perseverance of the ladies of the congregation, are unremitting; that the Minister however, expresses the hope, that the gentlemen will soon begin to feel a greater interest in it, than they have hitherto manifested; and that means will be taken to restore it to its former condition.

Of *St. Mary's Church, Burlington*, the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector, communicants, about 50—baptisms, (2 adults, 12 children) 14—marriages, 4—funerals, 4—that the congregation is steady, regular, devout, united, and rather increasing in numbers.

Of *St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly*, the Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector, families and contributors, about 50—communicants, 26—baptisms, 4—marriages 2—that there has been no material alteration, in this church, or in the Sunday school, attached to it, since the last report.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Berkeley*, (vacant) reported by Joseph V. Clark, Esq. Warden, communicants, 30—baptisms, 4—that nothing of a special nature has occurred since last Convention; that the church is opened for divine service every Sunday afternoon, and is attended with punctuality.

Of *Trinity Church, Swedesborough*, the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector, communicants, 158—baptisms, (5 adults, 17 infants) 22—marriages, 11—funerals, 80.*

Of *St. John's Church, Salem*, reported by the Rev. R. F. Cadle, late Rector, families, 26—communicants, 8—marriages, 1—funeral, 1—that in the month of May last, there was a missionary association formed by the ladies of the congregation, on the plan recommended,

* It is necessary to mention, in order to account for the number of funerals, that other persons, besides the members of the congregation, are interred in the grave yard.

by the Bishop and Convention of this Diocese, in 1822. It is believed, that this institution is established on a firm basis, and will long engage the zealous support of its members.

Of *St. George's Church, Pennsneck*, reported also by the Rev. R. F. Cadle, late Rector, families, about 30—communicants, (2 deceased, 2 removed) 13—baptisms, 12—funerals, 1.

William P. Deare, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, presented statements of his accounts, which, on motion, were committed to the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, and Peter Kean, Esq. to examine, and report thereon.

On motion, the clergy were called on for their reports of collections, for the missionary and episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal.*
In Trinity-Church, Newark,	24 00	18 92
St. John's do. Elizabeth-Town,	12 00	22 48
St. Peter's, Perth Amboy,	5 50	5 31
Trinity-Church, Woodbridge,	1 58	0 00
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	17 00	13 13
Ditto, furnished by the ladies,	56 00	0 00
Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	9 50	9 65
Christ-Church, Middletown,	2 75	2 00
St. Peter's, Freehold,	2 19	0 00
St. Peter's, Spotswood,	2 00	0 00
St. Michael's, Trenton,	0 00	0 00
St. Mary's, Burlington,	10 00	9 00
St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,	7 82	7 53
Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	5 15	3 18
St. John's Church, Salem,	5 00	0 00
Ditto, ladies association,	18 00	0 00
St. George's, Pennsneck,	2 00	0 00

On motion of Mr. Kean, resolved, that the thanks of this Convention, be presented to the Rev. Mr. Cadle, of the Diocese of New-York, for his classical and appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made report, that they found them correctly

stated; which report was accepted, and ordered, with the accounts, to be annexed to the Journal. [*See Appendix*, No. I.]

On motion, it was resolved, that the Bishop be requested to make such selections from the Journal of the last General Convention, as he may think useful and proper to be printed with the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the clergy were called on, for their reports of services, rendered, as missionaries to vacant churches.

The Rev. Mr. Powers reported, that he officiated two Sundays at Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd reported, that he preached twice, on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop; but that want of health, prevented him from performing other missionary duty.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he officiated twice, on a Sunday, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and twice, on a Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he officiated once in a school-house, in the neighborhood of Newton, once, at a private house, between Newton and Sparta, twice on a Sunday, and twice on week days at Woodbridge, four times at Belvidere, once at Berkeley, twice at Hope, five times at Johnsonburgh, once at a private house, near Columbia, and twice, on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. John Croes, jr. reported, that, in December last, he officiated once at the vacant church at Paterson, and once at the vacant chapel, at Belleville.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse reported, that he officiated on a Sunday, in St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass reported, that he had officiated, on two Sundays, at St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

The Rev. Mr. Cadle reported, that, before he left the Diocese, he officiated, one Sunday, by appointment, at St. Mary's, Colestown.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported to the Bishop, that he had, in completion of that part of the year of his missionary engagement, which succeeded the last Convention, officiated on one Sunday, at St. Thomas's, Alexan-

dria, once at Amwell, four Sundays at Spotswood, and Freehold, one at Christ-Chapel, Belleville, and once, at Paterson, where he baptized an infant.

The Rev. Mr. Ward also reported, that since his settlement at Spotswood, and Freehold, he has preached, on one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, and intended to preach, at St. Mary's, Colestown; but, through some misunderstanding, it did not take place.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any moneys, that have been received since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal fund.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. proposed for the consideration of the Convention the following alteration of the first article of the Constitution, viz. to strike out the words, *the Wednesday preceding the last Wednesday in August*, and to insert, in place of them, *the last Wednesday in May.*

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of deputies to the General Convention for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs,
Dr. Rudd,	William P. Deare,
J. Chapman,	Peter Kean, and
J. Croes, jr.	Jacob Van Wickle, Esqrs.
OF THE CLERGY;	OF THE LAITY.

For deputies to the General Convention:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean, Esq.
Dr. Rudd,	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
J. Chapman,	Dr. P. F. Glentworth, &
J. Croes, jr.	Wm. T. Anderson, Esq.
OF THE CLERGY;	OF THE LAITY.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1823.

The Convention met, at 8 o'clock.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr Dunn.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the Secretary of e Standing Committee presented the report of the pro- edings of that Body, which, on motion, was accepted, id ordered to be annexed to the Journal. [*See Appen- ix*, No. II.]

The Board of Directors of the missionary fund, pre- nted a report of their proceedings, which was also ac- epted, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. *See Appendix*, No. III.]

The several persons appointed at the last Convention o solicit contributions to the establishment of a scholar- hip in the General Theological Seminary, having been alled upon to make report of their proceedings; stated, hat some, though inadequate progress, had been made n the business. Whereupon,

On motion of the Rev. John Croes, Jun. it was resol- ed, that the solicitors, appointed at the last Conven- ion, be discharged from the further prosecution of that ervice; and that the Bishop and Standing Committee e requested to appoint some one suitable person to visit he Episcopalians throughout the diocese, for the pur- ose of effecting the above mentioned object; and that ach person's expences be paid, out of the moneys col- ected, and he be also allowed such per centage as the ishop and Standing Committee may think reasonable.

On motion of Dr. P. F. Glentworth, it was resolved, hat the name of the Scholarship to be established by this iocese, in the General Theological Seminary, be hanged from *the New-Jersey Scholarship* to *the Bishop- Croes Scholarship*.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd, withdrew the proposed addition o the Constitution, which he offered at the last Conven- ion, and presented, in lieu of it, the following one, for he consideration of the Convention at the next session.

All canons, and other acts of the Convention shall be igned by the Bishop, for the time being. In case of his eclining to sign any canon or act, he shall give to the onvention his reasons in writing for such refusal.

Such canon or act, shall nevertheless be considered valid, if passed in the succeeding Annual Convention, by a majority of both orders.

Peter Kean, and George C. Thomas, Esqrs. who had been appointed to solicit subscriptions at Elizabeth-Town to the Episcopal fund, were, at their own request, discharged from that service; and Matthias Ogden and John J. Chetwood Esqrs. appointed in their place.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

The minutes having been read, on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. Secretary.

*** The next annual Convention will be held in the city of Trenton, on the Wednesday, next preceding the last Wednesday, in August, 1824.

☞ FORM OF THE TESTIMONIAL TO BE GIVEN TO LAY DEPUTIES.

[*Name of the church, the place, and date.*]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B. C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

LIST

OF THE

CLERGY,

IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Dio-se, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.
The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-runswick.
The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. ary's Church, Burlington.
The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's hurch, Elizabeth-Town.
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The Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, officiating at . Michael's Church, Trenton.
The Rev. Robert Brown Croes, Deacon, missionary the vacant churches.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

			Dolls.	Cents.
1822.				
October 25,	To Cash paid	William Myer, printing Journal,	35	00
1823.				
Feb. 1.	do.	lent on note,	150	00
May 1.	do.	loaned, Bond and Mortgage, No. XX.	400	00
Aug. 18.	do.	paid Rev. Mr. Ward, Missionary, on account,	25	00

Balance in Treasury,	544 26 1-2
	$1,154 26 1-2

STATE OF THE FUND.

Cash in the Treasury,	$ 544 26 1-2
Bond No. I.	400 00
Do. No. IV.	150 00
Do. No. VII.	150 00
Do. No. IX.	100 00
Do. No. XIV.	500 00
Note for interest,	94 29
Do. No. XVII.	150 00
Do. No. XIX.	300 00
Do. XX.	400 00
Six per cent. Stock,	750 00
	$ 3,535 05 1-2

APPENDIX, NO. I.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, Treasurer.

Cr.

1822.		Dolls.	Cents.
August 22.	By balance in the Treasury,	247	83
	By a donation from the Episcopal Society of New-Jersey, for promoting christian knowledge and piety,	59	42 1-2
Dec. 28.	By principal and interest of No. XIII.	153	50
1823.			
	By collection in St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	10	00
April 5.	By principal and interest in full, No. XVI.	202	40
May 1.	By principal and interest of loan made Feb. 1, 1823,	152	62
July 1.	By interest, six per cent stock, one year,	45	00
July 17.	By collection in Trinity-Church, Newark,	24	00
Aug. 7.	By contribution of the Female Auxiliary Missionary Society of St John's Church, Salem,	18	50
	By collection in St. John's Church, Salem,	5	00
	By do. St. George's Church, Pennsneck,	2	00
Aug. 9.	By do. St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	16	00
Aug. 11.	By do. St Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,	5	50
	By do. Trinity-Church, Woodbridge,	1	58
	By do. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	17	60
Aug. 18.	By three years interest on note of $50 collateral, to Bond, No. XIV.	10	50
	By interest No. I. one year,	28	00
	By do. No. IV. do.	10	50
	By do. No. VII. do.	10	50
	By do. No. IX do.	7	00
	By do. No. XIII. do.	10	50
	By do. No. XVII. do.	10	50
	By do. No. XIX. do.	21	00
	By collection in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,	2	00
	By do. St. Peter's, Freehold,	2	19
Aug. 20.	By do. Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	9	50
	By do. Christ-Church, Middletown,	2	75
	By do. St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,	7	82
	By Cash from the Ladies in New-Brunswick,	56	00
	By collection in Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	5	15
		$1,154	26 1-2

August 20, 1823.

WILLIAM P. DEARE, TREASURER.

We, have examined the above account and find it correct—the balance in the Treasurer's hands, is Five hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-six and a half cents.

GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, PETER KEAN, } COMMITTEE.

The Bishop's fund in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1822.				
August 28.	To Cash paid Bishop Croes, by order of the Convention,	$	150	00
Dec. 1.	To Cash loaned this day,		125	00
1823.				
Aug. 20.	To balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		310	87 1-2

Cr.

1822.				
August 22.	By balance in the Treasury,	$	288	81
Nov. 9.	By collection in St. John's Salem,		7	00
	By do. St. George's, Pennsneck,		2	37 1-2
1823.				
	By do. St. Mary's, Burlington,		9	00
July 28.	By interest one year, No. I.		16	32
Aug 1.	By loan of Dec. 1, last, principal & interest		131	57
9.	By collection in St Peter's, Perth-Amboy,		5	31
15.	By do. Trinity-Church, Newark,		18	92
19.	By interest one year, No III.		26	60
	By do. do. No. IV.		7	00
	By do. Scrip, one year, 7 per cent. stock to 1st July, 1823.		35	00
20.	By collection, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,		9	65
	By do. Christ-Church, Middletown,		2	00
	By do. St John's Elizabeth-Town,		22	48
	By do. Christ-Church, N. Brunswick,		13	13
	By do. St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly.		7	53
	By do. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,		3	18
		$	585	87 1-2

STATE OF THE FUND.

United States' Stock,	$	500	00
Bond and Mortgage, No. I,		233	19
do. No. III.		380	00
Note, No. IV.		100	00
Cash in the Treasury,		310	87 1-2
	$	1524	06 1-2

$585 87 1-2

We have examined the above account, and find it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands, is Three hundred and Ten Dollars and Eighty-Seven and a half cents.

GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, PETER KEAN, } Committee.

August 20, 1823.

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX, NO II.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, *in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the year commencing August* 22, 1822.

The Standing Committee held their first meeting in NEW-BRUNSWICK, April 30, 1823.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
J. Chapman,	W. P. Deare, Esq.
J. Croes, Jr.	Jacob VanWickle, Esq.
OF THE CLERGY;	OF THE LAITY.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd was chosen President, and Rev. J. Croes, jr. Secretary.

William T. Anderson, Esq. who was, at the late meeting of the Convention of this diocese, elected a deputy to the General Convention, having communicated to the Rev. Mr. Rudd his inability to comply with his appointment, the Standing Committee proceeded to choose a deputy to supply his place; whereupon George C. Thomas, Esq. was unanimously elected.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Aug. 20, 1823.

The Standing Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D.	Peter Kean, Esq.
James Chapman,	Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
John Croes, Jr.	Jacob VanWickle, Esq.
OF THE CLERGY;	OF THE LAITY.

Mr. Robert Brown Croes, made application for the testimonial, required by the twelfth canon of the General Convention, in order to his admission to Deacons' orders. The certificates presented by Mr. Croes, being satisfactory, the testimonial was granted to him.

On motion, the committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jr. *Sec'y.*

APPENDIX, NO. III.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

To whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That no regular missionary to the vacant churches, has been employed during the past year, owing to the circumstance of their not being able to procure a suitable clergyman for that office; that they had however authorized the Rev. Mr. Ward to act, in part, as a missionary to the churches at Freehold and Spotswood, for which they allowed him $25 for his services at each church; that they have now the prospect of the regular services of the Rev. Robert B. Croes, who has been engaged to perform missionary duty in the diocese, with occasional intermissions, for some considerable time to come.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Elizabeth-Town, Aug. 20, 1823.

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HELD IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, FROM THE 20TH TO THE 26TH OF MAY, INCLUSIVE, A. D. 1823.

The House of Bishops consisted of seven of that order. Three Bishops were absent.

The House of clerical and lay deputies was composed of forty clergymen and twenty-five laymen, representing the Church in thirteen States. The Church in three States was not represented.

Thirty-seven other clergymen, and eleven students of the Theological Seminary and candidates, being present, were invited to attend the sittings.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

Abstract of a report on the state of the Church, prepared by a Committee of the House of clerical and lay deputies, adopted by that Body, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of clerical and lay deputies, in compliance with the 45th canon of 1808, have taken a general view of the state of the Church, and send the same, as required by the said canon, to the House of Bishops.

VERMONT.

There has been a gradual and steady advancement of the Church in this state, since the last meeting of the triennial Convention. A church has been consecrated, at Manchester; an elegant one, at Windsor; there is one ready to be consecrated, at Berkshire; and one

building, at Bethel. The communicants have very considerably increased. A missionary Society has been organized, which has already been attended with some good effects. The missionary employed, in the northern parts of the state, gives a favorable account of his mission. Still there is much more to be done, which, we hope, through that grace, without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to see in due time accomplished.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Church in this diocese may justly be represented as flourishing, if we take into view the difficulties and trials, which it has had to encounter. Seven new congregations have been organized, within the last ten years, some of which, especially St. Paul's, at Boston, are quite flourishing. The whole number of Churches organized, is twenty-three ; the number of clergy, twenty. Five persons have been admited to Deacons' orders, and two deacons to Priests' orders, since the last report. Two Presbyters have been instituted into rectorships. Six persons are now candidates for holy orders. A Misionary Society was incorporated in 1817, with the power also of distributing Bibles, Prayer Books, tracts, &c. It had been inactive, till 1822, when it commenced its operations with a prospect of considerable success.

RHODE-ISLAND.

No material charge has taken place in the Church in this diocese, during the last three years. The several congregations are in a state of continued prosperity. A clergyman has lately been settled in North Providence, under very auspicious circumstances. A missionary is employed, and measures were adopted, at the last Convention, to increase the contributions for missionary purposes, which promise to be successful. Sunday Schools are established in all the congregations, and a proper regard is paid to the canons and rubricks of the Church. There are two candidates for the ministry, and three preparing to become candidates. Number of baptisms, 151 ; communicants, 619.

CONNECTICUT.

he state of the Church in this diocese, has been lily improving since the last triennial report; and generally appears under prosperous circumstances. ome instances, the increase of communicants has ı altogether unprecedented; and in every parish, re the ministrations of the word and ordinances are ılarly enjoyed, the congregations are advancing in ber, zeal, and respectability.

even spacious and commodious churches, have been ded and consecrated within the last three years. ee others have been altered, enlarged and accomated to increasing congregations, and three are ding. Thirteen persons have been admitted to ıcons' orders, and six deacons to Priest's orders. re are, at present, in the diocese forty-five gymen, including the Bishop. More than 1600 ons have been confirmed. The strictest regard is to the canons and rubricks of the church. The Soy for promoting Christian knowledge, are enabled ıupport two or three missionaries, whose labours ə been already crowned with he most flattering suc-

The Episcopal fund amounts to a sum nearly sufnt to give to the Bishop an adequate support. Sunschools are generally established throughout the dise, with good effect. With all this prosperity, howr, many of the parishes are still small, and by emiions from the state, constantly liable to be reduced. clergy, therefore, although in many cases, having and three parishes under their care, do not receive quate support. But a hope is indulged, that, through instrumentality of missionary exertions, the Lord will se the waste places to be repaired, and the whole dise to become a flourishing portion of his vineyard.

NEW-YORK.

The Diocese of New-York contains eighty-nine clerıen, viz. the Bishop, sixty-nine Presbyters, and nineı Deacons—and one hundred and twenty-seven congations. Twenty-four persons have been admitted Deacons' orders, since the last triennial General Con-

vention, and fifteen deacons to Priests' orders. Five clergymen have been instituted into rectorships, and seventeen have been otherwise settled in congregations. Twenty are employed as missionaries. None, through Divine favour, have died, though, however painful the notice, two have been displaced from their grades in the ministry. Twenty-four persons are candidates for Deacons' orders. Seven new congregations have been organized. Eight new churches have been consecrated. Four thousand five hundred and twenty-four persons have been baptized. One thousand one hundred and twelve marriages have taken place, and three thousand four hundred and eighty-eight funerals. The number of communicants is four thousand seven hundred and twenty-two. One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven persons have been confirmed. $4603 25 cents have been collected for missionary purposes, and $1866 83 1 4 cents for the Episcopal fund. The several societies of the Church continue their beneficial operations. Sunday schools are numerous and flourishing. A College, to be under the direction of the members of our Church, is in a fair way of being securely established at Geneva.

To this notice of matters relating to the outward State of the Church in this Diocese, it is gratifying to be able to add, that there is reason to hope, that in the much more essential point of spiritual prosperity, the divine blessing continues to rest upon it; and that in the enjoyment of this, very satisfactory evidence is afforded of the natural tendency of the institutions of our Church, and of conscientious adherence to her primitive and evangelical order, to promote the interests of true Gospel piety, and with them, the glory of the Saviour, and the spiritual and eternal good of his people.

NEW-JERSEY.

In New-Jersey, the Church continues gradually to improve. The number of clergymen is thirteen; the Bishop, nine Presbyters, and three Deacons. The number of congregations is twenty eight; eighteen of which, have the enjoyment of regular service; the re-

mainder of occasional service, by a Missionary. The number of churches is twenty-five, which, with one exception, are in excellent repair. A new one, of considerable size, is erecting at Newton. Since the last triennial General Convention, one person has been admitted to Deacons' orders, and two deacons to Priests' orders; three presbyters have been instituted into rectorships. There is one candidate for Deacons' orders. Four hundred and twenty-three persons have been baptized; and two hundred and eleven confirmed. The number of communicants is seven hundred and forty.* Attention is generally paid to the canons and rubricks of the Church, and her authority is respected in the diocese. The Sunday schools are flourishing and promise much good. The Missionary fund is gradually increasing, and producing benefit to the Church. The fund of the Corporation for the relief of widows and children of clergymen; and the fund of the Episcopal Society for promoting Christian knowledge, are rapidly advancing; and producing their corresponding benefits.

From all these circumstances it is evident that the Church in this diocese is regularly improving, both in its temporal and spiritual concerns. May it, under the blessing of its Divine Founder and Head, still progress, and become instrumental, in a higher degree, to the promotion of his glory and the best interests of men.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The diocese of Pennsylvania, consists, at present, of the Bishop, twenty-nine Presbyters, four Deacons, and forty-four congregations. Since the last stated General Convention, five persons have been admitted to Deacons' orders, and eight deacons to Priest's orders. Thirteen clergymen have taken charge of parishes; and one is officiating at present at Huntington. There are ten candidates for Deacons' orders, and several young men preparing for admission. Four clergymen have departed this life. Two have been displaced. Six new congregations have been organized. Five new churches

* In the last report there was an error in the calculation, it should have been seven, instead of eight hundred communicants.

have been consecrated. Confirmations have been administered in fifteen churches, besides, in several, in Philadelphia. The number confirmed, was six hundred and eighteen. The number of bap isms reported was one thousand five hundred and ninety-one. The number of communicants one thousand six hundred and six. Sunday schools exist in many of the parishes, and are flourishing. $2,500 have been deposited for the establishment of a Scholarship in the Theological Seminary, and $1,500 have also been collected for the general purposes of that Seminary. Eight Societies, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, have been organized. Some of the clergy have been made patrons of the Society, by the female members of their congregations. The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, continues its useful labors. Three missionaries are now in their employ, and in connection with another Society, they have aided six young men, in their preparation for the ministry. The Episcopal fund is increasing, and the resources of the Corporation for the relief of widows and children of clergymen exceed $30,000. The greater part of the clergy have devoted a portion of their time to vacant congregations, and the result has been considered highly useful.

DELAWARE.

The diocese of Delaware continues nearly in the same state it was at the last General Convention, with the exception of some improvements, in repairing and building churches. There are fourteen churches in the state, mostly in good repair; nine of which are under the pastoral care of the three resident clergymen. Immanuel-Church at New-Castle, has been rebuilt, with an elegant steeple, and consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. White. Another church is building. Others have been improved. An increasing desire for the prosperity of our venerable and apostolick Church is apparent, in this state.

The number of communicants is about three hundred and fifty. The canons and rubricks of the church are in most respects, generally observed; and there is,in some

parts of the state a growing attachment to the Liturgy of the church.

MARYLAND.

Since the meeting of the last General Convention, the prosperity of the church in this diocese has been steadily progressive. The number of communicants has considerably multiplied; and in general there is an increasing attention among the different congregations to the services of the sanctuary, and a continual call for the labours of devoted ministers.

At the meeting of the Convention in 1822, it was resolved to establish a Diocesan Missionary Society for the State of Maryland, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. The Prayer Book and Homily Society, especially, promises much aid to the general interests of the Church, and great utility to its individual members. On the whole, the members of this Diocese have reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church, and to rejoice in those tokens for good, which they have been privileged to receive.

VIRGINIA.

No material alteration has taken place in the condition and character of this church, since the last report. The number of its ministers had increased until the last year, when, by deaths and removals, it was reduced to the number reported to the last triennial Convention.

Since the preceding report, $14,000 have been subscribed, towards the establishment of a Theological School; a considerable part already paid, and a good prospect held out of ultimate success. The fund for the support of the Bishop is still gradually increasing.

As to the spiritual condition of the church, to which, all outward means are intended to be subservient, it is hoped and believed, that its ministers faithfully declare the whole council of God; and that just views of religion prevail among the congregations committed to their care. God continues to be gracious, in the gift of his

Holy Spirit, and considerable additions are made to the Church.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The prospects of the Church in this state, are equally as bright and encouraging, as they were represented to be, in the General Convention of 1820. Its renewal resembles, indeed, less the restoration of an old and decaying, than the healthy growth of a young and vigorous plant. This appears, not only from the rapid augmentation, which has already taken place, in its numbers; but from the principles of increase, which it appears to possess within itself.

There are at present twenty-five congregations, in this state, seventeen more than was reported, at the last triennial General Convention: eight clergymen, part of which are missionaries, besides the Bishop—the Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscrost, recently elected and consecrated—Three persons have been ordained deacons, and four deacons have been ordained priests. There are three candidates for orders. A neat and commodious Church has been erected at Warrenton; one is in rapid progress at Washington; and a very elegant one is nearly completed at Newburn. The Church at Williamsborough has been thoroughly repaired. The baptisms since 1820, have been about 430. The number of communicants now reported is 480. A greater zeal for the Gospel, and a higher standard of moral principles and conduct prevail now, than formerly. It is believed, that generally speaking the canons and regulations of the Church, are as regularly attended to, in this, as in any other part of our Church. Nearly fifteen thousand dollars, have been left by a lady lately deceased, for the erection of a Church, in the city of Raleigh.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

Since the last General Convention, the number of Clergy in this diocese has increased. In 1820, there were twenty-seven; at present there are thirty-five;

the bishop, 28 presbyters, and 6 deacons. The fund for the support of a bishop is gradually increasing. It amounts now to about $8000. 6 persons have been admitted to deacons' orders; and 6 deacons to priests' orders. The number of candidates is 4. The number of organized congregations, 35.

The Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity, in South Carolina, has essentially contributed to the present promising condition of our ecclesiastical concerns. It is formed on the most comprehensive plan, being at once, a Bible, a Prayer Book, a Tract, a Missionary, and an Education Society. It possesses a select library of about a thousand volumes.

Beside this, two other Societies exist, the Charleston Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, composed principally of young men, and the Ladies' Domestic Missionary Society. The former designed to act as auxiliary to the Society for the advancement of christianity, &c. and to send missionaries beyond the diocese; the latter to support a minister for the benefit of the poor of our communion.

Sunday schools are in successful operation, in several of the parishes. The number of baptisms reported, for the last three years, is 880, 6 of which—3 adults, 3 children—were of the Jewish persuasion. The canons and rubricks are conscientiously observed. Great harmony and affection prevail among the clergy. About $10,000 have been contributed for the support of the General Theological Seminary. $1648 have been collected by the Agent of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church in the United States.

GEORGIA.

In this diocese, the Church is rapidly rising into notice; and its present state and prospects are such, as to warrant the most sanguine expectations of its more general extension. As yet there are only 4 organized churches, and 4 clergymen. A society for missionary purposes was instituted by the Convention in February last, from which, much benefit is anticipated.

OHIO.

Three persons have been admitted to deacons' orders, since the last Triennial General Convention, and 1 deacon to priests' orders. 5 clergymen have taken charge of parishes, and 1 has been appointed a missionary. 1 deacon has been displaced from the ministry, and 1 presbyter suspended. 2 new churches have been consecrated. 285 persons have been confirmed. The clergy generally are very faithful and laborious, and strict attention is paid to the canons and rubricks.

No reports or other documents, were received from the dioces es of Maine and New-Hampshire.

The whole number of candidates for holy orders in the seven dioceses is 61.

In conclusion, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies woul respectfully invite the attention of the House of Bishops to th facts that many churches are without pastors—that in the we there exists a large body of Episcopalians, who are as sheep with out a shepherd—that our missionary societies are, comparatively inefficient for want of Missionaries—and, in fine, that it is emph tically true, as it respects our Church, the harvest is plenteous, bu the labourers are few. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies respectfully request the House of Bishops to suggest such meas ures as may seem to them the best adapted to secure to thi Church an increase of faithful and capable ministers.

Signed in behalf of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President.*

Philadelphia, May 24, 1823.

The following resolution was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops, which concurred in it.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested to assist the agent or agents of the General Theological Seminary, in his or their endeavors to collect subscriptions in their respective Dioceses.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

The following communication was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies inform the House of Bishops, that, having received satisfactory evidence of the due organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Georgia, and of the Church in the said State having acceded to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, they have *resolved*, that the Diocese of Georgia be received into union with this Convention, and entitled to a delegation therein.

Whereupon, *resolved*, that the house of Bishops concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in admitting said Church into union with the Convention.

The House took up the resolutions offered yesterday by the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, respecting the General Theological Seminary; which, upon motion, were adopted as follows:—

Resolved, That this House entertain a gratifying sense of the fidelity with which the Trustees and the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, have executed the trust committed to them

and respectfully fulfilled the duties of their appointment; and while they deeply regret that no other provision than such as is yet inadequate to the permanent success of the design, has hitherto been obtained for it, of the members of our Church, they still contemplate it with hope, and affectionately commend it to the liberality and patronage of their brethren, both of the Clergy and of the Laity, as a means of increase to the number of well qualified ministers of the Gospel in this Church.

Resolved, further, as the opinion of this House, that the General Theological Seminary, having been established by the whole body of this Church in General Convention, seems peculiarly to demand the concurrent solici udes and exertions to be concentred on it, of all its members; inasmuch as this institution, when possessing the combined and efficient support of the whole Church, must be the most effectual means, under Providence, of perpetuating the unity of the Church, in the bond of peace.

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, IN

1823.

CANON I.

Regulating the admission of persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and repealing the first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for orders in this Church, shall obtain admission from the Bishop, or such body as the Church in the Diocese or State in which he intends to apply, may appoint, at least one year before his ordination. The first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808 is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

The Bishop of this Church, in any State or Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee, is

authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons, to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible by the standard edition, agreed upon by the General Convention. And a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with said book.*

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, May, 1823.

By order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attested,

WILLIAM H. DELANCY, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested,

JOHN C. RUDD, Secretary.

* The following resolution was ordered to accompany this Canon:—

Resolved, By the two Houses of Convention, that it be recommended to every future Convention, to appoint a joint Committee, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of this Convention; such errors to be notified on the Journal of the Convention, to which they may at any time be presented by the joint Committee.

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ON THE

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1824.



JOURNAL, &c.

TRENTON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1824.

This being the place and time for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled, in St. Michael's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Henry P. Powers, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn.

After the performance of these religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Wharton, and Joseph V. Clark, Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of appointment of the lay deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported that deputies were present from fifteen churches.

OF THE CLERGY, THERE WERE PRESENT,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, city of New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, city of Burlington;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, city of Perth Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton, and Minister of St. James's Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's Church, Freehold;

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and of St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill;

The Rev. Charles Smith, Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck;

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Minister of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. Michael's Church, city of Trenton.

OF THE LAITY, WERE PRESENT,

George Nelson, Esq. from Trinity-Church, Newark;

James Parker and Joseph Marsh, Esqs. St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy,

Robert Boggs and William P. Deare, Esqs. and Dr. Edward Carrol, Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,

Jacob Van Wickle, Esq. and Mr. William Snowhill, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,

Mr. Samuel I. Thompson, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,

Messrs. William Lloyd, Jun. and John D. Forman, St. Peter's Church, Freehold,

Dr. P. F. Glentworth, and Thomas Gordon, and William Halsted, Jun. Esqs. St. Michael's Church, Trenton,

Mr. John Birkey, St. Mary's Church, Burlington,

Col. Samuel J. Read and Mr. James Coppuck, St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly,

Mr Emanuel Beagary, St. Mary's Church, Colestown,

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. St. Peter's Church, Berkeley,

Charles C. Stratton, Esq. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,

Mr. Samuel Lewis, St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill,

Thomas Sinnickson, Esqr. St. John's Church, Salem.

The number of churches represented, exceeding the constitutional quorum, the members took their seats, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a secretary. The Rev. John Croes, Jun. was duly elected.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. Charles Young, a deputy from Trinity-Church, Woodbridge—the certificate of whose election not being according to the prescribed form—be, notwithstanding, admitted as a member of this body. Mr. Young accordingly took his seat.

On motion, resolved, that the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Stephen's Church Philadelphia; and the Rev. Eli Wheeler, of the Diocese of New York, now in this city; be admitted to the sittings of this Convention; also such candidates for orders, or members of the Theological Seminary, as may be present. The candidates and students, who were present, were Mr. Edmund D. Griffin, and Mr. Smith Pyne, of New-York, and Mr. William Bowman of Pennsylvania.

On motion, Messrs. Jacob White of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Daniel Terrill of St. John's, Elizabeth-Town, were also admitted to the sittings.

On motion, the rules of order, adopted for the government of the last Convention, were read, and a resolution passed, that they be the rules of order for the government of this.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes, then delivered the address, provided for, in the canons of the Church.

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY.

In addressing you, in conformity to the provisions of the forty-fifth canon of our church, I begin with stating,

That shortly after our last Convention, I appointed Sunday, the 7th of September, 1823, to visit the members of our church, who reside in Morris-Town and its vicinity; and had proceeded some distance in my jour-

bey, but was unhappily obliged to return without effecting my object, in consequence of indisposition.

On Sunday, the 14th of the same month, I visited St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, (vacant) preached, and administered the communion; and on the next day, I visited in the congregation of St. Andrew's, Amwell.

On Sunday, the 21st of September, I visited Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, (vacant) accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Carter of the Diocese of Georgia, on which occasion, Divine service was performed and a sermon preached.

On Sunday the 5th of October, I visited St. James's Church, Piscataway, (vacant) and officiated.

On Sunday the 12th I visited Trinity-Church, Newark, and officiated, both forenoon and afternoon.

On Tuesday the 24th I held an ordination in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, on which occasion, in virtue of Letters Dimissory from the Right Rev. J. H. Hobart, Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, absent in Europe, I admitted the Rev. Moses Burt, M. D. the Rev. Algernon S. Hollister, the Rev. Thomas K. Peck, the Rev. Richard Bury, M. D. and the Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, Deacons of that Diocese, to the Holy Order of Priests: the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D. and the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Presbyters of the same Diocese, being present and assisting.

On Wednesday, the 19th of November, I visited Christ-Church, Newton, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a neat, substantial, and considerably spacious, stone edifice, which, by the very great exertions of the Rector and congregation of that church, had been erected within the year.

On the succeeding day—November 20th—I admitted the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector elect of that church, to the Holy Order of Priests; the Rev. Henry P. Powers of Newark, the Rev. Reuben Hubbard of Goshen in the Diocese of New-York, and the Rev. Richard F. Cadle of the same Diocese, being present and assisting. The Rev. J. M. Ward, a Deacon of this Diocese, also, attended.

The same day, I instituted Mr. Dunn into the Rectorship of that Church.

On Tuesday, January 6th, 1824, (the festival of the Epiphany,) I held an ordination in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, when, in virtue of Letters Dimissory from the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, still absent in Europe, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Samuel R. Johnson, and William C. Mead candidates for orders in that Diocese.

On Thursday, April 1st, 1824, I held an ordination in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, when I admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. John Mortimer Ward, Minister of that Church, and of St. Peter's Church, Freehold. The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. the Rev. John Croes, Jun. and the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, being present and assisting.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter (May 23d) I visited St. George's Church, Pennsneck, and officiated; and in the afternoon of the same day, I also visited St. John's Church, Salem, and preached.

On the next day, accompanied by the Rev. Charles Smith, Minister of those churches, I repaired to Swedesborough, and on Tuesday the 25th I preached in Trinity Church, in that village, then vacant.

On Wednesday the 26th, accompanied as before, I visited St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, (vacant) where I was met by the Rev. Richard D. Hall, lately elected Rector of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley: but in consequence of a temporary indisposition, I was unable to officiate as I intended; Mr. Hall therefore preached in my place. In the afternoon, however, accompanied by the above Rev. gentlemen, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill, and was enabled to preach.

On Thursday, the 27th, (the festival of the Ascension) I visited St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and instituted the Rev. Mr. Hall into the Rectorship of that Church; the Rev. Messrs. Morehouse and Smith being present.

On the Sunday after Ascension, (May 30th,) I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and officiated; and on the afternoon of the same day, I also visited St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, and preached.

On Tuesday, the 1st June, I visited St. Mary's Church, Burlington, preached, and administered confirmation to eleven persons.

On Friday, the 4th of June, I admitted, in Trinity Church, New-York, in the absence of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of that Diocese, and in virtue of a letter dimissory from him, the Rev. Burton H. Hickox, a Deacon of the Diocese, to the Holy Order of Priests. The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, the Rev. William A. Clark the Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, M. D. and the Rev. George Upfold, M. D. being present and assisting.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, (June 20,) I visited St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, and officiated, both morning and afternoon.

On Tuesday the 29th of June (the festival of St. Peter) I again visited St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, preached and administered confirmation to twenty-eight persons. The clergy present on the occasion, beside Mr. Ward, the minister of the church, were the Rev. Dr. Rudd, and the Rev. Mr. Dunn.

On Thursday the 1st July, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Rudd, the Rev. John Croes, Jun. and the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, I visited St. Peter's Church, Freehold, and administered confirmation to fifteen persons. Dr. Rudd preached on the occasion; the Rev. Mr. Ward, the minister being necessarily absent.

On the third Sunday after Trinity, I visited Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and preached, in the morning. In the afternoon, I also visited Christ-Church, Middletown and officiated.

On the fifth Sunday after Trinity, I visited the Episcopalians, residing at Morristown, and its vicinity, and performed Divine service and preached both morning and afternoon.

On Tuesday the 27th July, and the three following days, I attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, in New York, and the examination of the students of that Institution.

I state it, with confidence, when I say, that no unprejudiced person, in any tolerable degree qualified to judge, attended the examination of the students of that Institution, without being powerfully impressed with the truth, that the Seminary is one of high desert, that its professors are gentlemen well qualified for their stations,

both as it respects their learning, aptness to teach, suavity of manners and devotion to the work, and to the interests of the Seminary: and that the students exhibited undeniable evidence, not only of the care, the skill, and the accuracy, with which they had been taught; but also of the industry, they had exercised, and the high attainments they had made, in every branch of Theological knowledge.

Can such an institution be neglected by any member, or portion of members of our Church? Can it be suffered to want sufficient funds for its support; and therefore be checked in its progress, or permitted to decline? It must not be: Churchmen cannot be so indifferent to the well being and progress of their religion: they cannot subject themselves to such severe reproach.

During the sittings of the Board of Trustees a very important measure became the subject of their deliberation, viz. the erection of suitable buildings for the accomodation of the professors and students of the Seminary: and I have the pleasure to state to you, that it was finally determined by a unanimous vote, that means should be put in progress to procure funds, and that such buildings be erected.

On the seventh Sunday after Trinity, (August 1st) I admitted, in St. Paul's Chapel, city of New York—in the absence of the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hobart, Bishop of that Diocese, and in virtue of a letter dimissory from him—James Lawrence Yvonnet, a candidate of that Diocese, to the Holy Order of Deacons.

On the eighth Sunday after Trinity, (August the 8th) I visited the congregation of Episcopalians at Paterson, (vacant,) and officiated both morning and afternoon. I also baptized two children there.

On Tuesday the 10th, I intended, and had made preparations, again, to visit Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, and St. John's Church, Salem, for the purposes of instituting to the Rectorship of the former, the Rev. Simon Wilmer, and to that of the latter the Rev. Charles Smith, ministers of those churches. But, on the very eve of my departure, I was prevented from proceeding by sickness.



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TRENTON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1824.

THIS being the place and time for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled, in St. Michael's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Henry P. Powers, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn.

After the performance of these religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Wharton, and Joseph V. Clark, Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of appointment of the lay deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported that deputies were present from fifteen churches.

OF THE CLERGY, THERE WERE PRESENT,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, city of New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, city of Burlington;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, city of Perth Amboy;

With this increase of the means for the visible prosperity of the Church, we may reasonably indulge the hope, that, through the influence of Divine grace, her spiritual interests are also advancing; that true and undefiled religion is making progress in the hearts of her members; the only certain evidence of which is a good life and conversation.

For all these blessings, it becomes us, my brethren, to raise our hearts, in grateful acknowledgments, to Almighty God; and they should, at the same time, inspire us with new zeal and exertions, in the promotion of His glory.

I now offer the parochial reports, which have been presented to me, by the proper officers of the several congregations in the Diocese, that they may be read, for the information of the Convention and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Trenton, August 18th, 1824.

The parochial reports were accordingly read, and are in substance as follow.

The report of *Christ-Church, New-Brunswick*, by the Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. the Rector, states:

That the number of families in that Church, is about 56, of individuals, about 210, of communicants, 5 added, 2 removed, 1 deceased, 42—that the number of baptisms has been 2 at home, 7 abroad, 9—of marriages 6—of funerals, 3 of the congregation, 7 of others, 10.

That the Sunday-school belonging to the Church is rather improving; the same diligence and zeal in the superintendent and teachers exist, as is stated in the former reports.

That the association of some ladies of the congregation for missionary purposes, as mentioned in the last parochial report, has this year produced increased effects. By their ingenuity and industry they have accumulated between 80 and 90 dollars; 40 of which they have assigned to the missionary fund, to be expended in

his Diocese; the residue to commence a fund, in aid of he support of the Rectors of this Church.

The report of *Christ-Chapel, Belleville*, by the Rev. John Grigg, the Minister, states:

That the number of communicants in that congregation, is 20—that the number of baptisms, has been 10—of marriages 1—of funerals 4.

The report of *Trinity-Church, Newark*, by the Rev. Henry P. Powers, the Rector, states:

That the number of families in that Church, is about 5—of communicants, 9 added, 4 deceased, 7 removed, 6—that the number of baptisms, has been 12—of marriages, in the congregation, 2, of others 5, 7—of funerals n the congregation, 4, of others 4, 8.

That the Sunday-school continues to be regularly attended.

The Rector also states, that he cannot forbear to remark, that, though the number of hearers remains much the same, the congregation has suffered a very considerable diminution in pecuniary strength, having lost, by death and removals, within eighteen months, ten essential families.

The report of *St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town*, by the Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. the Rector, states:

That the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about 75—of individuals, about 350—of communicants, 15 added, 7 deceased, 3 removed, 100—that the number of baptisms, has been, 1 adult, 22 infants, 23—of marriages 3—of funerals, 16 of the congregation, 13 of others, 29.

That the Sunday-school has improved during the last year. The number of teachers now attending, is ten, and the number of scholars, fifty.

The report of *St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy*, by the Rev. James Chapman, the Rector, states:

That the number of families in that Church, is about 0—of communicants, 4 added, 3 removed and deceased, 5—that the number of baptisms, has been 8—of marriages, 2—of funerals, 7 of the congregation, 11 of others,

That the Sunday-school continues to be well attended, both on the part of the teachers and scholars; and

that a missionary association was formed in February last, which consists of sixty-four members, and which has already contributed 30 dollars to the missionary fund, for the aid of the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The funds of the association, arise from the annual subscriptions of its members, and from the sale of various articles of useful and ornamental needle work.

The report of *St. Peter's Church, Spotswood*, by the Rev. John M. Ward, the Rector elect, states:

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is about 50—of individuals, 180—of communicants, (5 added) 25—of catechumens, 20—that the number of baptisms, has been 11 white children, 4 black, do. 9 adults, 24—of marriages, 1—of funerals, 5—of Sunday-scholars, 40—and that the congregation is increasing in number, and attachment to the Church.

The report of *St. Peter's Church, Freehold*, by the Rev John M. Ward, the Minister, states:

That the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about 60—of individuals, 180—of communicants, (2 added) 18—of catechumens, 13—that the number of baptisms has been, 4—of funerals, 3.

The report of *Christ-Church, Shrewsbury*, and *Christ-Church, Middletown*, by the Rev. John Croes, Jun. the Rector, states:

That the number of families, in those churches, is 56—of individuals, about 250—of communicants, 60—that the number of baptisms has been, 3 adults, 4 infants, 7—of marriages, 5—of funerals, 4 of the congregation, 2 of others, 6

The Rector further states, that the affairs of these congregations are in general, prosperous; that the Sunday-school at the village of Tinton-Falls belonging to the former, continues in operation; and that an effort is about to be made to erect a parsonage house, which he trusts will be accomplished.

In making this his last report, the Rector would beg leave to state, that in the period of nearly fifteen years that he has had charge of these congregations, there have been baptised 165 persons, added to the communion 71 persons, of whom 29 have died and removed, and

the families have increased from about 40 to the ent number. He prays that the Divine blessing may inue to rest upon them.

he report of *Christ-Church, Newton,* by the Rev. RKSON DUNN, the Rector, states:

hat the number of families and contributors in that rch, is about 50—of communicants, 6—that the num- of marriages has been, 1—of funerals, 5.

he report of *St. James's Church, Knowlton,* by the . CLARKSON DUNN, the Minister, states:

hat the number of families in that Church, is about -of communicants, (one deceased) 20—that the num- of baptisms has been, 12—of marriages, 3—of fune- 1.

he Minister of these Churches has the satisfaction to :eive, that his usefulness among the people of his ge, is on the whole, gradually increasing. After firmation, soon to take place, there will be some ad- n to the communion, in each of them.

he congregation in Knowlton, are at this time, put- their house of worship in good and decent repair; the congregation at Newton have contracted for an n of considerable value, which will shortly be put

he report of *St. Michael's Church, Trenton,* by the . WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Deacon, its Minister, s:

hat the number of families in that Church, is about -of communicants, 60—that the number of baptisms,)een 13—of marriages, 3—of funerals 5.

he report of *St. Mary's Church, Burlington,* by the . CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. the Rector, states:

hat the number of families, in that Church, is about -of communicants, nearly 50—that the number of isms, has been 3 adults, 8 infants, 11—of marriages, f funerals, 6.

hat devout attention is in general paid to Divine ice, and to the rubrics of the Church, that an associ- i of Young Ladies has been formed in aid of the onary fund, and as the fruit of their edifying indus- a respectable sum has been raised. It is believed, s a subject of humble thanksgiving to the Divine

Head of the Church, that a spirit of genuine religion is increasing in this congregation. It may be well to specify in this report the sum raised by the association of Young Ladies of Burlington, which has only been in existence for the last six months. By the most incessant exertions they have raised seventy-five dollars, fifty of which they have appropriated to constituting their Rector a Patron of the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the balance $25 to the N. J. Missionary fund. The Rector reports further, that on every Wednesday evening he delivers a lecture on the Acts of the Apostles, which is respectfully attended.

The report of *St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly,* by the Rev. George Y. Morehouse, the Rector, states:

That the number of families and contributors in that church, is about 50—of communicants, 26—that the number of baptisms, has been 1—of marriages, 1—of funerals, 2.

The prospects of this church begins to brighten—its members are becoming regular and attentive, and several have been added to the communion, but in consequence of removals, there has been no increase of numbers—the Sunday school, by the indefatigable exertions of a few young ladies, still preserves its standing—and a handsome pike fence, fronting the church, has recently, by the zeal and liberality of its members, been completed, and now, through the same source, the church itself, is undergoing a thorough external repair and painting, and when finished, new-trimmed and the contemplated Organ up, will undoubtedly, assume an appearance much improved and beautified.

The report of *St. Mary's Church, Colestown,* by the Rev. Richard D. Hall its Minister, states:

That the number of families and contributors in that church, is about 56—of communicants, 3—that the number of baptisms, since April last, has been 2—that having assumed the charge of this congregation, since the month of April, and only holding service once in three weeks, he is not yet able to make as correct a statement of the same as is desirable. He has however gathered the items above mentioned. He states also that the congregation is increasing on attendance upon Divine worship

and their attention to the service of the church and word preached, is very encouraging, and the minister trusts that the great Head of the Church, will in due time visit it with the refreshings of his presence, and, by the influences of his Holy Spirit, renew in the hearts of its members, the life and power of religion.

The report of *St. Peter's Church, Berkeley*, by the Rev. Richard D. Hall, its Rector, states:

That the number of families in that church has increased, since former reports, to about 37—of communicants, 3 added, 1 removed, 1 deceased, is 31—that the number of baptisms has been 2 adults, 2 children, 4—of funerals — —and that an interesting and increasing class of catechumens has been formed and promises much good.

The Rector further reports, that he was called to this congregation in April last, and from the circumstance of his recent settlement, is not prepared to make a full report of the same. The event, however, of the call of a Rector to St. Peter's, in connection with St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, and St. Mary's, Colestown, has already given a great excitement to the cause of Christ in the Episcopal church in this section of Jersey; an excitement, it is hoped, which will be succeeded by happy effects.

The Rector is also much gratified by the punctual attendance of the people; by the serious attention paid to the services of the church and the ordinances of Christ; and hope is indulged, that this little hill in Zion will become more and more fruitful in the works of faith, hope, and charity. He further states, that in the three congregations in which he ministers, an increased attachment to the order, canons, and rubricks of the church is evident.

The report of *St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill*, by the Rev. Richard D. Hall, its Minister, states:

That the number of families and contributors, in that church, is about 20—of communicants 5—that the number of baptisms, has been 1—of funerals, about, 6.

The Minister further reports, that he assumed the care of this flock in April last, and of course has not been able to make a full report of the same; he however states that the congregation is evidently increasing in attendance on worship, and great attention is paid to the service and order of the church. The hearts of many

have been made glad in the desirable event of having the regular and stated services of a minister of the sanctuary in this congregation, in connection with two neighboring churches, and they cannot but put up to the throne of grace the prayer of the pious Psalmist, "Save now, we beseech thee O Lord; O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity;" and they also entreat the prayers of the churches in their behalf.

The report of *Trinity-Church, Swedesborough*, by the Rev. Simon Wilmer, its Minister, states:

That the number of communicants, (several having died) is 81*—that the baptisms, (including those baptized by the Rev. Mr. Douglass) have been, 4 adults, 7 children, 11—the marriages, 2—that he resumed his ministerial labours in said church on the 4th of July last, but owing to the indisposition of the Bishop, he has not yet been instituted. It is regretted that the congregation is by no means flourishing. An attempt is making to revive the Sunday school, and a hope is entertained of ultimate success.

The report of *St. John's Church, Salem*, by the Rev. Charles Smith, its minister, states;

That the number of families, in that church, is 27—of communicants, 10—of funerals, has been 1—and that the catechetical school, in this parish, is well attended.

The report of *St. George's Church, Pennsneck*, by the Rev. Charles Smith, its minister, states:

That the number of families, in that church, is about 30—of communicants, 8—of marriages, (reported by the Rev. Mr. Cadle) 2.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, who acted as Missionary during the past year, reported,

That in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, the number of communicants are 5—in Morris-Town, 7—in St. James's Church, Piscataway, 6.

On motion, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, and report thereon. The committee appointed were the Rev. James Chapman and Joseph V. Clark, Esq.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

* The great reduction in the number of communicants, must be attributed to the circumstance, that, in the late reports, several from the neighbouring congregations were included.

A TABLE,

REPRESENTING IN ONE VIEW, THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Counties.	*Cities & Towns.*	*Rectors and Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Families.*	*Individuals.*	*Baptisms.*	*Communicants.*	*Marriages.*	*Sunday School-Iars.*	*Funerals.*	
Bergen,	Jersey City,	Supplied by Lay Readers,	St. Matthew's,								No report made.
Essex,	Paterson,	Supplied by a Missionary,									
do.	Bellville,	M * John Grigg,	Christ Chapel,	45		10	20	1		4	No report made.
do.	Newark,	R. Henry P. Powers,	Trinity-Church,	73	350	12	76	7		8	
do.	Elizabeth Town	R. J. C. Rudd, D. D.	St John's Church,	40		23	100	3	50	29	
Middlesex,	Perth Amboy,	R. James Chapman,	St. Peter's Church,			8	45	2		13	
do.	Woodbridge,	Supplied by a Missionary,	Trinity Church,								No report made.
do.	Piscataway,	Supplied by a Missionary,	St. James' Church,				6				
do.	New-Brunswick,	R. The Bishop,	Christ Church,	56	210	9	42	6		10	
do.	Spotswood,	R. John M. Ward,	St. Peter's,	50	180	24	25	1	40	5	
Morris,	Morristown,	Supplied by a Missionary,					7				
Sussex,	Newton,	R. Clarkson Dunn,	Christ Church,	50			6	1		5	
do.	Johnsonburgh,	Supplied by a Missionary,	Christ Church,								No report made.
do.	Knowlton,	M. Clarkson Dunn,	St. James',	60			20	3		1	
Monmouth,	Middletown,	R. John Croes, Jun.	Christ Church,	56	250	7	60	5		6	
do	Shrewsbury	M. John M Ward,	Christ-Church,	60	180	4	18			3	
do.	Freehold,	Supplied by a Missionary,	St. Peter's,				5				
Hunterdon,	Alexandria,	D Wm. L. Johnson,	St. Thomas',	70		13	60	3		5	
do.	Trenton,	Supplied by a Missionary,	St. Michael's,								No report made.
do	Anwell,	R. C. H Wharton, D. D.	St. Mary's,	50		11	50			6	
Burlington,	Burlington,	R. G. Y. Morehouse,	St. Andrew's,	50		1	26	1		2	
do.	Mount-Holly,	M. R. D. Hall,	St. Mary's,	56		2	3				
Gloucester,	Colestown,	Occasionally supplied,	St. John's								
do.	Chew's Landing	R. R. D. Hall,	St. Peter's,	37		4	31				
do.	Berkeley,	Supplied by a Missionary,	St. Thomas',								No report made
do.	Glassborough,	M. S. Wilmer,	Trinity-Church,			11	31	2		6	
do.	Swedesborough,	M. R. D. Hall,	St. Stephen's,	20		1	5	2			
do.	Mullica Hill,	M. Charles Smith,	St. George's,	30			13	2		1	
Salem,	Pennsneck,	M. Charles Smith,	St. John's,	27			10				
do.	Salem,										

* *The letter* (R) *in the column of Rectors and Ministers, stands for Rector.* (M) *for Minister, and* (D) *for Deacon.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Aaron O. Dayton, Esq. a deputy from St. John's Church, Salem, appeared, and took his seat.

On motion, the clergy and wardens were called on for their reports of collections, for the missionary and episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal.*
In Trinity Church, Newark, - -		20 00
ditto, by a private donation	$30 00	
St. John's Elizabeth-Town,	9 00	10 82
Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, several collections,	7 84	0 00
St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, -	4 61	7 85
ditto, ladies, to constitute their Rector a member for life, of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, *	30 00	0 00
St. James', Piscataway, several collections,	3 27	0 00
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick; -	15 00	9 30
Ditto, ladies for the support of New-Jersey Missionaries,	40 00	0 00
St. Peter's, Spotswood, -	3 00	3 25
St. Peter's, Freehold, -	1 00	2 12
Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	8 00	8 74
Morris-Town, collections by the missionary,	14 35	0 00
ditto. from four ladies, by the Bishop,	4 25	0 00
St. Michael's, Trenton, -	12 00	32 70

* Thirty dollars have also been sent to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, by the ladies of Trinity Church, Newark; and thirty dollars by the ladies of St. Mary's, Burlington, to constitute their respective Rectors, members of that institution for life.

	Missionary Fund.	Episcopal.
St. Thomas's, Alexandria, several collections,	7 87	0 00
St. Mary's, Burlington, -	14 00	0 00
ditto, ladies, for the N. Jersey fund,	27 00	0 00
St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, -	7 16	5 00
St. Mary's, Colestown, several collections,	12 84	0 00
St. John's, Chew's Landing, do.	6 49	0 00
St. Peter's, Berkeley, do.	2 60	0 00
St. Thomas's, Glassborough, do.	1 45	0 00
Trinity Church, Swedesborough, -	0 00	0 00
St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, two collections, - - -	2 26	0 00
St. John's Church, Salem, collections by the Missionary, - -	13 14	0 00
Ditto, from the ladies association,	20 50	0 00
St. George's, Pennsneck, collections by the Missionary, - -	5 77	0 00

On motion, the clergy were called on for their reports of services, rendered as missionaries to vacant churches.

The Rev. Mr. Powers reported, that he had officiated one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop. He had also officiated several times at Williamsville, in the township of Orange.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated twice on a Sunday, in Christ-Church New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, and twice, on Sunday afternoons, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he had officiated once at a School-house, in the neighbourhood of Newtown, three times, at Belvidere, once, at Hope, twice, at Woodbridge; and twice, on a Sunday, in the absence of the Bishop, at New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that he had officiated twice, on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson reported, that he had officiated on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse reported, that he had officiated one Sunday, in St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and on a week day, in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

The Rev. Mr. Hall reported, that he had officiated twice, at St. Thomas's, Glassborough, on week days.

The Rev Mr. Smith reported, that he had officiated two Sundays, at New-Brunswick, for the Bishop.

Mr. Samuel Lewis, the deputy from St. Stephens' Church Mullica Hill, asked, and obtained, leave of absence after the sitting of to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd withdrew the proposed addition to the Constitution relative to "the acts of the Convention being signed by the Bishop," &c. which he offered at the last sitting for the consideration of this body.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. called up the proposition, which he offered at the last Convention, for altering the first article of the Constitution, by striking out the words, *the Wednesday preceding the last Wednesday in* August, and inserting, in place of them, *the last Wednesday in May*, which after some discussion, was adopted.

The first article of the Constitution will therefore now read thus. "There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State or Diocese, on the last Wednesday in May annually, to be held in rotation at the following places, viz. Newark, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, Elizabeth-Town, Trenton, Perth-Amboy, Burlington, New-Bunswick and Swedesborough."

The Rev. Dr. Rudd, proposed the following alteration of the 3d article of the Constitution, viz. after the words "in this Diocese" to insert, *and every Presbyter, who has been duly appointed a missionary to the vacant Parishes in the same.*

On motion, it was resolved, that the Convention go into the election of a Standing Committee, and of deputies to the General Convention, for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen;

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs,
Dr. Rudd,	William P. Deare,
J. Chapman,	Peter Kean, and
J Croes, Jun.	Jacob Van Wickle, Esqs.
OF THE CLERGY;	OF THE LAITY.

For deputies to the General Convention :

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean, Esq.
Dr. Rudd,	James Parker, Esq.
J. Chapman,	Dr. P. F. Glentworth, &
J. Croes, Jun.	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
OF THE CLERGY ;	OF THE LAITY.

Thomas Sinnickson, Esq. Mr. Beagary and Mr. Birkey, asked, and obtained leave of absence, after the close of this day's sittings.

The Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made report, that they had found them correctly stated, which report was accepted, and ordered, with the accounts, to be appended to the Journal. [See Appendix, No. I.]

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1824.

The Convention met, at 9 o'clock.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hall.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee was presented by their Secretary, read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. [See Appendix, No. II.]

The Board of Directors of the Missionary fund, made a report of their proceedings, during the year then past, which was read, accepted and ordered to be appended to the Journal. [See Appendix, No. III.]

On motion of Dr. Rudd, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any moneys that have been received, since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal fund.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. made the following proposition for the consideration of the Convention ; that the whole

of the 1st article of the Constitution be stricken out, and the following substitute be adopted.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State or Diocese, to be held at the city of Trenton, on the last Wednesday in May, annually.

Aaron O. Dayton, Esq. submitted the following proposition to their consideration, viz. That the 1st article of the Constitution be altered by the insertion of the word *Salem* between the words "Perth Amboy" and "Burlington."

The minutes having been read, on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested,

JOHN CROES, JUN. SECRETARY.

*** The next annual Convention will be held in the city of Perth Amboy, on the last Wednesday in May, 1825.

☞ FORM OF THE TESTIMONIAL TO BE GIVEN TO

LAY DEPUTIES.

[*Name of the church, the place, and date.*]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B. C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with W. P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.				Cr.		
1823				1823.		
August	21.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Ward, missionary, omitted 12th, inst.	25	August 20.	By balance in the Treasury,	544 26
		do. paid Rev. Mr. Dunn, missionary,	25	21.	By a collection in St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,	12
Sept.		do. paid Treasurer of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, by order of the Board of Directors of the missionary fund,	74	1824. June 3	By The Ladies' Missionary Association, Salem,	20 50
	16.	do paid Rev. Robert B. Croes, missionary,	35	14.	Collections from Rev Mr Cadle, viz.	
Oct.	3.	do. paid on account printing Journals of General Convention,	9 75		At St. John's Church, Salem, 3 collections, 13 14	
	30.	do paid William Myer for printing Journal,	33 75		St Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, 2 26	
1824.					St. Thomas's, Glassborough, 1 45	
Feb.	3.	do. paid Rev. Mr. Cadle missionary, on account,	30		St Peter's, Berkley, 2 60	
		do. on account loaned December 1st, 1823, on bond and mortgage, No XXI	200		St. George's, Penns Neck, 5 77	
May	20.	do. paid Rev. R. F. Cadle, missionary, on account,	20		St. Mary's, Coles-Town, 12 84	
June	14.	do. paid do. do. in full,	100		St John's, Chew's Landing, 6 49	
		do. loaned May 17th, 1824, on bond and mortgage, No. XXII.	150		St. Thomas's, Alexandria, 7 37	
					Morris-Town, 14 35	
					Trinity Church, Woodbridge, 6 18	
					St. James's, Piscataway, 2 14	
						75 09
				6.	By cash received of Robert Sharp, on account of Rent, due on Amwell property,	22
				12.	collection in St. Michael's Church, Trenton,	12
					do in Christ Church, New Brunswick,	15
					cash rec. of Bp Croes, from 4 ladies, at Morris-Town,	4 25
					collection in St James' Church, Piscataway, from Rev. R. B. Croes,	1 13
					do. in Trinity Church, Woodbridge, by do.	1 66
					do. in St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,	3
					do. in St. Peter's Church, Freehold,	1
					The Ladies of Christ Church, New-Brunswick, a donation to the New-Jersey missionary fund,	40
		Amount carried forward,	$702 50			

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APPENDIX, NO. I.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Wm. P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1824.

To Amount brought forward, $702 50

STATE OF THE FUND.

Cash in the Treasury,	$296 66
Bond, No. I	400 00
Do. do IV.	150 00
Do. do VII.	150 00
Do. do IX.	100 00
Do. do XIV.	500 00
Note for Interest,	94 20
Do. do XVII.	150 00
Do. do XIX.	300 00
Do. do XX.	400 00
Do. do XXI.	200 00
Do. do XXII.	150 00
Six per cent Stock,	750 00
	$3640 86

Balance in the Treasury, 296 66

$999 16

Cr.

1824.

By amount brought forward		$751 89
Interest remaining due on	No. XIII.	12 50
Interest on	do IV.	10 50
do.	do. VII.	10 50
do.	do XVII.	10 50
do.	do. XX.	28
do. 6 per cent stock,		45
a collection in St. Peter's Church, P. Amboy, May, 1824,		4 61
a donation from the Ladies of the same church in order to constitute their Rector, Rev. Mr. Chapman, a member for life, of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,		30
a collection in St. John's Church, Elizabeth Town,		9
a private donation, through the hands of Rev. H. P. Powers,		30
collection in St. Mary's Church, Burlington,		14
contribution of Young Ladies of do.		27
collection in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly,		7 16
collection in Christ Church, Shrewsbury,		8 50
		$999 16

Errors excepted.

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

Trenton, August 18, 1824.

We have examined the above accounts, and find them correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of two hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

J. CHAPMAN,
JOSEPH V. CLARK.

August 18, 1824.

The Bishop's fund in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1823.					
August 22.	To Cash paid Bishop Crees, per order Convention,		$150		
[illegible] 15.	To do. loaned on Bond and Mortgage,	No. V.	200		
1824.					
May 17.	To do. loaned on do.	No. VI.	250		
August 18.	To Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		149 67		
			$749 67		$749 67

Cr.

1823.			
August 24.	By balance in Treasury,		$310 67½
21.	" subscription of J. H. Williamson, Esq.		25
1824.			
May 1.	" principal and interest of Bond No. I.		245 43
August 12.	" collection of Trinity Church, Newark,		20
	" Interest on stock one year,		35
	" do on Bond	No. III. to May, 1824.	26 60
	" do. on Note	" IV. one year,	7
	" collection in Christ Church,	New-Brunswick,	9 30
	" do. St. Peter's,	Spotswood,	3 25
	" do. St. Peter's	Freehold,	2 12½
	" do. St. Peter's,	Perth Amboy,	7 35
August 18.	" do. St. John's,	Elizabeth-Town,	10 80
	" do. St. Michael's,	Trenton,	32 70
	" do. St. Andrew's	Mount Holly,	5
	" do. Christ-Church,	Shrewsbury,	8 74
	Errors excepted.		$749 67

STATE OF THE FUND.

United States Stock,		$500
Bond and Mortgage,	No. III.	380
Note,	No. IV.	100
Bond and Mortgage,	No. V.	200
Do. do.	No. VI.	250
Cash in the Treasury		149 67
		$1579 67

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

Trenton, August 18, 1824,

We have examined the above accounts, and found them correct, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of one hundred forty nine dollars and sixty-seven cents.

August 18, 1824. J. CHAPMAN, JOSEPH V. CLARK.

The Bishop Croes Scholarship, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1824.			
May 17.	To cash loaned on bond and mortgage, D.		
	To balance in the Treasury,		48
			$148

STATE OF THE FUND.

	Peter Kean's bond, dated Sept. 1, 1822,	$500
1824.		
Sept. 1.	Rev John Croes, jun's. note,	100
	Bond and mortgage, D.	100
1823.		
July 1.	Bishop Croes' note	50
	Balance in the Treasury,	48
		$798*

*If to this sum of $798, in the Treasury, there be added $307. of interest unpaid, and subscriptions uncollected, the amount of the fund will be $1105.

Cr.

	1823.			
100	August	1.	Interest on bond, P. Kean, Esq.	30
48			do. do. Rev. John Croes, Jun.	6
			Annual subscription of Rev. J. C. Rudd,	5
			By subscription of Joseph V. Clark,	20
			do. Peter Hill,	50
	1824.			
			do. Nehemiah Tunis,	5
			do. Charles Young,	3
		12.	do. Mr. B.	10
			do. Mrs. C.	6
	1824.			
	August	12.	Interest on note of the Bishop,	3
		18.	do. do. Rev. John Croes, jun.	6
			Annual subscription of the Rev. Dr. Rudd,	5
			Errors excepted.	$148

WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

August, 18, 1824.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct; and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of forty-eight dollars.

J. CHAPMAN,
JOSEPH V. CLARK.

August 18, 1824.

APPENDIX, NO. II.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, *in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the year commencing August* 22, 1823.

The Standing Committee held their first meeting in NEW BRUNSWICK, October 3, 1823.

PRESENT,

Rev. J. C. Rudd, D. D.
J. Chapman,
J. Croes, Jr.
Jacob Van Wickle, Esq.
W. P. Deare, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd was chosen President, and Rev. J. Croes, jr. Secretary.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, made application for the testimonial required by the 12th canon, previous to his admission to Priests' orders, and having produced the necessary certificates, it was unanimously resolved, to grant the testimonial required.

Mr. Marsden Pintard, made application for the testimonial requisite, previous to his admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders, and having produced the certificates required, it was resolved to grant the testimonial.

The Committee, in conjunction with the Bishop, having taken into consideration the appointment of persons, to solicit subscriptions to the Bishop Croes Scholarship, agreeably to a resolution of the Convention, it was resolved that the Rev. Dr. Rudd, be requested to perform that office, in the Southern and Western districts of the Diocese; and the Rev. John Croes, Jun. in the Northern and Eastern.

The Committee adjourned.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, March 31, 1824.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice from the President.

PRESENT,

Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D.	Robert Boggs, Esq.
James Chapman,	Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
John Croes, Jr.	Jacob Van Wickle, Esq.

Rev. J. M. Ward, made application for the testimonial required by the 12th Canon, previous to his admission to Priests' orders, and having produced the necessary certificates, it was unanimously resolved, to grant the testimonial required.

The Committee adjourned.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, JULY 6, 1824.

The Standing Committee met, pursuant to notice from the President.

PRESENT,

Rev. Dr. Rudd,	Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
J. Croes, Jun.	J. Van Wickle, Esq.
R. Boggs, Esq.	

The object of this meeting was to appoint an Agent to solicit subscriptions to the Bishop Croes Scholarship, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Rudd, who stated that he should be unable to perform that duty.

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the Rev. Robert B. Croes be appointed an Agent to perform that duty; and if, from any cause, Mr. Croes be unable to execute it, then the Bishop of the Diocese be requested, to appoint some other Agent.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. Secretary.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

To whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That the Rev. Robert B. Croes had been appointed a missionary to the vacant churches in this Diocese, and, after serving a few weeks, had at the earnest and repeated solicitation of the Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, been induced—with the permission of the President of the Board of Directors—to relinquish it for a time, and accept the agency of soliciting and collecting funds for the Seminary. After a vacancy of several weeks, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle consented to take his place, and served from January, 1824, till June. Since then the office has been unsupplied. But we have the satisfaction to inform the Convention, that a clergyman is engaged to commence the performance of the duties of a missionary, early in the next month. The salary allowed the missionaries, during the year past, was at the rate of $400 per annum. The whole sum expended for missionary services during the same time, was, 185 dollars, of which the missionaries collected from the vacant churches about $78:

THE REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES ARE AS FOLLOW:

Robert B. Croes, *appointed Missionary to the vacant Churches in the Diocese of New-Jersey, reports,*

That immediately after his ordination in August last, he commenced his labours as missionary, and continued for about five weeks, when, by the permission of his Diocesan, he accepted the agency offered by the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. Since the first of October, therefore, he has, with little interruption, been employed on the business of the Seminary, and

consequently can give no information of importance on the state of the vacant Parishes, in New-Jersey.—The Rev. Mr. Cadle has since supplied his place in part, and will give to the Missionary Society, an account of his labors from the middle of January to the first of June of the present year.

The following is a statement of the Churches visited, and the collections made during the short time in which the Missionary was engaged.

Sunday, Aug. 24, he preached at Knowlton and Hope, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Dunn, who officiated in Woodbridge and Piscataway. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Piscataway, in the afternoon. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Colestown in the morning, and Berkeley in the afternoon. Thursday, Sept. 4, Piscataway in the afternoon, and Woodbridge in the evening. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Alexandria, in the morning, and Amwell, in the afternoon. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Piscataway in the afternoon, and Woodbridge, in the evening. Sunday, Sept. 14, at Morris-Town, in the afternoon and evening. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Piscataway, in the morning, and at Brunswick, in the afternoon, in exchange with the Bishop, who preached at Woodbridge. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Piscataway, in the morning, and Woodbridge in the afternoon. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Spotswood, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Ward, who officiated at Colestown. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Woodbridge, twice.

There have been four collections at Piscataway, amounting to $1 13, and one, at Woodbridge, amounting to $1 66.

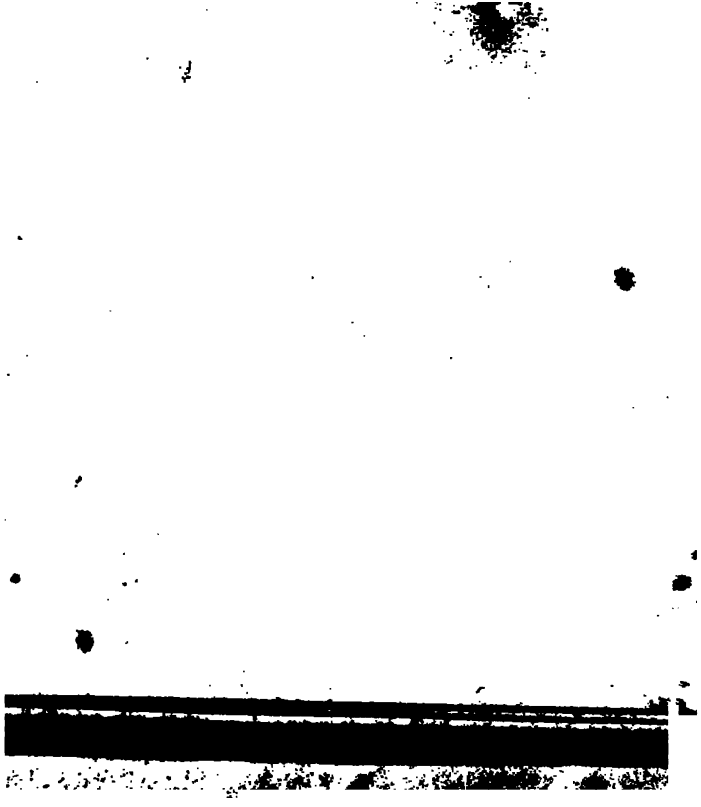
RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I now offer to you, as President of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, the report of my services while acting as Missionary. About the middle of January last I entered upon the discharge of my duties, and continued to officiate till the first of June. I have preached in St. John's Church, Salem, three times on a week-day, and as often on a Sunday: in St. George's, Pennsneck, once on a week-day, and twice on a Sunday; two other appointments for this Church were fulfilled for me by the Rev. Charles Smith: in St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, six times on a week day: in St. Thomas's, Glassborough, five times, on a week-day; in St. Peter's, Berkeley, twice on a week-day; in St. Mary's, Colestown, four times on a Sunday; in St. John's, Chew's-Landing, five times on a Sunday, and once on a week-day. These Churches I did not visit after Easter, about which time, several of them became supplied.

I have also preached in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, four times on a Sunday: to the congregation of St. Andrew's, Amwell, assembled in the house of Mr. Robert Sharp, four times on a Sunday; in Morris-Town, seven times, on a Sunday, and once on a week-day: in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, four times on a Sunday: to the congregation of St. Matthew's, city of Jersey, twice on a Sunday; in St James's, Piscataway, twice on a Sunday and twice on a weekday; two other appointments were made, but, on one occasion the congregation were prevented from assembling by a storm, and on the other my absence was caused by a circumstance beyond my control.

In addition, I have preached once on a Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, at the direction of the Bishop: once in a private house, at Schulltown: once in the Alms-House of Gloucester county: and nine times in other places.

In Pennsneck, I married two couple, I have administered the Holy Communion in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, where there are 5 communicants: in Morris-Town, where there are 7: and in St. James's Church Piscataway, where there are 5 or 6.



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OF THE

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IN THE

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HELD IN

PETER'S CHURCH, CITY OF PERTH-AMBOY,

ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH AND TWENTY-SIXTH DAYS OF MAY,

1825.

NEW-BRUNSWICK:

WILLIAM MYER, PRINTER, CHURCH-STREET.

1825.





List of the Clergy and Lay deputies, who composed the Convention:

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. JOHN C. RUDD, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

The Rev. JOHN CROES, Junr. Rector-elect, of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary;

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton, and Minister of St. James's Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold;

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. CHARLES SMITH, Missionary to the vacant churches;

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector-elect, of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

LAY DEPUTIES,

George Nelson, and *Archer Gifford*, Esqrs., and Mr. *Thomas T. Whitehead*, from Trinity-Church, Newark;

Messrs. *George C. Thomas*, and *Anthony Morss*, St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

Mr. *Daniel Terrill*, Trinity-Church, Woodbridge;

Andrew Bell, Joseph Marsh, Robert Arnold, and *William Whitehead,* Esqrs. and Mr. *Abner Woodruff,* St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

Mr. *John H. Langstaff,* St. James's Church, Piscataway;

Daniel Kemper, William Lupp, and *Robert Boggs,* Esqrs. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

John Outcalt, Esqr. St. Peter's Church, Spotswood;

William Lloyd, Esqr. St. Peter's Church, Freehold;

Samuel Pintard, Esqr. Christ-Church, Middletown;

Messrs. *Joseph Voorhees,* and *James Throckmorton,* Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

Mr. *Charles C. Frazer,* St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

Mr. *James Coppuck,* St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly;

Mr. *Abraham Harris,* and Mr. *Abraham Browning,* St. Mary's Church, Colestown;

Mr. *John Rambo,* St. Peter's Church, Berkeley;

Mr. *David Wolf,* Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

Mr. *Enoch Aggins,* St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill;

Dr. *Thomas Rowan,* St. John's Church, Salem;

Mr. *Robert Morrel,* and *Elias B. D. Ogden,* Esqr. St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

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Perth-Amboy, May 25, 1825.

This being the place and time for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled in St. Peter's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Divine service was performed by the Rev. Simon Wilmer, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Henry P. Powers.

After the performance of these religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Rudd, and Andrew Bell, Esq. a Committee, to examine the testimonials of appointment of the lay deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The Committee reported, that deputies were present from fifteen churches.

OF THE CLERGY, THERE WERE PRESENT,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Junr. Rector-elect, of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton, and Minister of St. James' Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold;

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector-elect of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. Matthew Matthews, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

OF THE LAITY, WERE PRESENT,

George Nelson, and Archer Gifford, Esqrs. and Mr. Thomas T. Whitehead, from Trinity-Church, Newark;

Messrs. G. C. Thomas, and Anthony Morss, St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town;

Mr. Daniel Terrill, Trinity-Church, Woodbridge;

Andrew Bell, Joseph Marsh, Robert Arnold, and William Whitehead, Esqrs. and Mr. Abner Woodruff, St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy;

Mr. John H. Langstaff, St. James's Piscataway;

Daniel Kemper, William Lupp, and Robert Boggs, Esqrs. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

John Outcalt, Esqr. St. Peter's, Spotswood;

William Lloyd, Esqr. St. Peter's, Freehold;

Samuel Pintard, Esq. Christ-Church, Middletown;

Messrs. Joseph Voorhees, and James Throckmorton, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury;

Mr. Charles C. Frazer, St. Michael's, Trenton;

Mr. James Coppuck, St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly;

Mr. John Rambo, St. Peter's Berkeley;

Mr. David Wolf, Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

Mr. Enoch Aggins, St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill.

The Churches represented being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order, and proceeded to business.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Secretary. The Rev. John Croes, Junr. was chosen.

Elias B. D. Ogden, Esq. a deputy from the newly constituted Church, denominated St. Paul's, at Paterson, made application in behalf of that Church, to be admitted into union with this Convention; and having satis-

fied the Convention that they had complied with the required formalities, stated in the Constitution, the Church was admitted accordingly; and their lay deputies, Messrs. Robert Morrel, and E. B. D. Ogden, took their seats.

On motion, resolved, that Dr. Thomas Rowan, a deputy from St. John's Church, Salem, who had been prevented, by unexpected circumstances, from obtaining the certificate of his appointment—but who, it was well ascertained, had been duly elected—be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a deputy from that Church.

On motion, resolved, that the Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, now in this city, be invited to the sittings of this Convention.

It was resolved, on motion, that the rules of order, established for the government of the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd called up the proposition made by him, at the last Convention, to alter the IIId. article of the Constitution, by inserting after the words, "in this Diocese," *and every presbyter who has been duly appointed a Missionary to the vacant parishes of the same*; which, on motion, was adopted.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes now delivered the address, provided for, in the canons of the Church.

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY;

The period has again returned, when it becomes my canonical duty to address you generally on the state of the Diocese; and particularly to lay before you an account of the Churches which I have visited, and the other acts of an Episcopal character which I have performed, since last we assembled in Convention.

At the close of the meeting of that body, in August last, I proceeded, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, to visit the Churches in Sussex County; and, on the following Sunday, (August 22d) I preached, and administered confirmation, in St. James's Church, Knowlton. It is due to the congregation of that Church to observe,

that whenever I have visited them, the assembly has been large and attentive, notwithstanding a great proportion of them live at considerable distances from their Church. In addition to the improvement I observed in spiritual things, and in the order of the service, I was pleased at the zeal and exertion which they had just manifested, in putting a new roof on their Church, and otherwise repairing and improving it.

From Knowlton, I proceeded to visit Christ-Church, Newton, and, on Wednesday, the 25th of August, I preached and administered Confirmation in that Church. The congregation, so recently re-organized, and accommodated with so convenient and neat an edifice, continues to improve in numbers, and attachment to our primitive mode of worship.

On the succeeding day, I left Newton, and proceeded to New-Rochelle, in the Diocese of New-York, to which I had been invited by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity-Church, in that village, to consecrate—in the absence of their Diocesan, the Right Rev. Dr. Hobart—a new and handsome edifice, under that name. This I performed on Saturday, the 28th August, and preached on the occasion. On the next day, I also preached at that Church, and at St. Thomas's Church, at Mamaroneck.

On Sunday, the 19th of September following, I visited St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria, in Hunterdon County, and officiated; and on the succeeding day, I visited the Episcopalians of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, and preached at the house of Mr. Robert Sharp.

On the 16th Sunday after Trinity, (October 3d) I visited Trinity-Church, at Newark, and performed Divine service, and preached, both morning and afternoon; the Rev. Mr. Powers, its Rector, being confined with sickness. I also made an appointment to visit the congregation of Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, and to officiate there on Thursday, the 7th of the same month; but was prevented from fulfilling it, by indisposition.

On the seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, in consequence of an application to admit, in the absence of the Right Rev. Doctor Hobart, Henry I. Whitehouse, a candidate for orders, in the Diocese of New-York, to the

holy order of Deacons, I held a special ordination, in Grace-Church, city of New-York, when Mr. Whitehouse was admitted to that office.

On the next day (Monday, October 11th) under a similar application, I held a special ordination, in St. Luke's Church, in the same City, and admitted the Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, Deacon, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, New-York, to the holy order of Priests. The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, The Rev. J. M. Wainright, D. D. and the Rev. John F. Schrœder, being present and assisting.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1824, in consequence of an application to admit—in the absence of the Right Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of New-York—to the holy order of Deacons, Joseph Peirson, a candidate for orders in that Diocese; I visited the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, and held a special ordination in that Church, when Mr. Peirson was admitted to that order.

On Wednesday, the 15th of December, I held an ordination in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, when the Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, Rector-elect of St. Michael's Church, city of Trenton, was admitted to the holy order of Priests. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. John Croes, Junr. who also presented the candidate, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Rudd.

On Wednesday, the 5th of January, 1825, in consequence of notice, that the Rev. John M. Ward had been elected Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and of an application from the vestry for his institution; I visited that Church; and instituted him into the Rectorship of it, and also preached a sermon. Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. William L. Johnson.

An application having been made to me, by William W. Bostwick, a candidate for orders in the Diocese of New York, to be admitted—in the absence of the Right Rev. Dr. Hobart from that Diocese—into the holy order of Deacons; in compliance with his request, I held a special ordination in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, on Friday, the 15th of April, 1825, and admitted him into that order.

On Tuesday, the 3d of May, I commenced my annual

visit to the churches in the southern section of the Diocese, and on Wednesday, visited St. Michael's Church, Trenton; and, at the instance of the vestry, instituted the Rev. William L. Johnson into the Rectorship of that Church, to which he had been regularly chosen; and preached on the occasion. The Rev. Charles Smith performed morning prayer.

In the afternoon, I also administered confirmation at that Church, and heard the children examined in the catechism.

On Thursday, the 5th, I proceeded to St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Smith, S. Wilmer, and Hall; and in the afternoon of that day, preached to a pretty numerous and attentive congregation, administered confirmation, and heard the catechumens examined by the Rev. Mr. Hall, the Rector of that Church. The Church at Berkeley is evidently improving.

On Friday, the 6th, I visited Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough, and at the request of the vestry, instituted the Rev. Simon Wilmer into the Rectorship of that Church, Mr. Wilmer having produced the certificate of his election to that office, as required by the canons. The Rev. Mr. Smith performed morning prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Hall preached the sermon on the occasion.

From Swedesborough, I proceeded to visit the churches of Salem and Penn's Neck, and on Sunday, the 8th of May, I preached to a numerous and very respectable and attentive audience, at St. George's Church, in the latter place; and, in the afternoon, preached to a crowded, but very orderly and serious congregation, at St. John's Church, in the former place, administered confirmation to a number, and heard the catechumens belonging to the congregation, examined by the Rev. Mr. Smith, who accompanied me in these visits, and performed divine service.

On Monday, the 9th, I again visited Swedesborough, preached in Trinity-Church, administered confirmation, and heard its Rector examine the catechumens.

On the following day, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill, and officiated; and in the afternoon pro-

ceeded to St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, where I also officiated, in both cases, to good congregations.

On Wednesday, the 11th, I repaired to Woodbury, and officiated to the Episcopalians in that town, and its vicinity, in the evening.

The next day, (the festival of the Ascension) I visited St. John's Church, Chew's Landing, where I also officiated to a pretty full and attentive audience, and administered the office of baptism. This Church, for many years almost extinct, appears to be reviving, and the congregation seem anxious that the word and ordinances should be administered among them.

In the afternoon of the same day, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, preached to a large and orderly congregation, administered confirmation to a number, and heard the catechumens examined by the Rev. Mr. Hall, its Minister. The Rev. Mr. Morehouse also assisted in the Divine service.

This congregation have made some convenient alterations and improvements in the interior of their Church.

Neither in this Church, nor in the Church of Salem, had confirmation ever been administered, previously to this visit.

From Colestown, I proceeded, in company with Mr. Morehouse, to Mount-Holly, and on Friday evening, the 13th inst. I officiated in St. Andrew's Church, in that place.

On the following Sunday, I preached twice in the same Church, and also heard its Rector, the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, examine the children and young persons in the catechism.

This congregation appear to be increasing, and have lately purchased a handsome organ for their Church, by which their sacred music is already improved.

On Thursday, the 19th inst. I attended, in the city of Philadelphia, as a member, the stated annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, in the United States. From the report of the executive Committee of that body, it appears that several Missionaries are successfully employed, in the remote parts of our country, as well among some of the Indian tribes, as among the white in-

habitants of our communion, who have imigrated thither.

Before I conclude the account of my visitations, I cannot but take notice of the handsome improvements which I perceived were made in this Church, on my arrival here yesterday. The exterior of the building has been so completely repaired, that it exhibits, in fact, an entire new and handsome edifice. Great credit is certainly due to the members of this church, so comparatively few in number, for their zeal and liberality in effecting these improvements.

The number of persons confirmed since the Convention, in August last, has been sixty-seven.

I have ordained, within that period, five persons, two to the order of Priests, and three to the order of Deacons; one of which only for this Diocese, the others for the Diocese of New-York.

The institutions, in the same time, have been three.

The Rev. John Croes, Junr. resigned the Rectorship of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown, early in September last; and since that time, has been performing Missionary duties to the vacant Churches in the Diocese. He has lately, however, accepted an invitation from the Episcopalians at Paterson, one of his Missionary stations, to become their Minister, and has accordingly taken up his residence among them.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, lately of the Diocese of New-York, has removed to this Diocese, and taken charge, as Rector-elect, of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. Robert B. Croes, a Deacon of this Diocese, has, by a letter dimissory to the Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, been transferred to that Diocese.

The Rev. R. D. Hall has, in addition to his other cures, taken charge of St. John's Church Chew's Landing.

The Rev. Charles Smith has resigned his charge of the Churches at Salem and Pennsneck, and is now engaged as a Missionary to the vacant Churches in the Diocese.

The Rev. John Grigg has resigned his charge of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. Matthew Matthews, late a Deacon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has, by a letter dimissory from the Right Rev. Dr. White, been transferred to this Diocese, and is now officiating, by direction, in Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

I am happy to state to you, in conclusion, that the Church in this Diocese, through the blessing of its Divine Head, has not been suffered to decline, either in its spiritual or temporal circumstances, since last we assembled to be made acquainted with its welfare and progress, and to consult for its best interests.

On the contrary, it has continued to advance with the same—slow indeed—but uniform and steady progress, which has marked its steps for several of the preceding years. Two more of the vacant Churches are now supplied with the stated services of clergymen, than was mentioned in my address at the last Convention.

The several funds created for its benefit are still increasing, and continue to promise the most happy effects.

Under the impression of these distinguished favours, can we do less than offer our most grateful acknowledgments to their Divine source, GOD, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and give renewed evidences of our endeavours to please and serve him, and thus promote his glory.

I now offer the parochial reports, which have been presented to me by the proper officers of the several congregations in the Diocese, that they may be read for the information of the Convention, and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Perth-Amboy, May 25, 1825.

The Parochial reports were accordingly read, and are in substance as follow:

The report of *Christ-Church, New-Brunswick*, by the Right Rev. DR. CROES, the Rector, states,

that the number of familiesand contributors in that Church, is about - - 55

of individuals,	- - about	208
of communicants,	{5 added / 4 dec'd. 1 rem'd.}	42
of baptisms, since last Convention,	{4 adults, / 8 children,} {3 of th'm abroad,}	12
of catechumens, about	- -	30
of marriages,	- - -	5
of funerals,	{5 of the congregation, / 8 of others,}	13
of scholars in the Sunday School,		50

That the laudable efforts of those ladies of the congregation who have associated for Missionary purposes, have, since the last Convention, produced upwards of thirty dollars; and that they have presented that sum to the Missionary Fund, to be expended in this Diocese.

Of *St. Paul's Church, Paterson*, by the Rev. JOHN CROES, Jun. Rector-elect, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about		30
of communicants,	- -	7

That he has had charge of the congregation but one month, and cannot, therefore, give as correct an account of its situation, as he hopes to be able to do in future. It is believed that the number of families will be found to be greater than that now reported. The congregation are already making zealous efforts to build a Church, and, from the success they have had in obtaining subscriptions, they entertain great hope that they shall be able to accomplish their object.

Of *Christ-Chapel, Belleville*, by the Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Deacon, the Minister, states,

that the number of communicants in that church is		15
That since he has assumed the charge, he has officiated only one Sunday, and baptized two children,	- - -	2

Of *Trinity-Church, Newark,* by the Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about 60

of communicants, {7 added / 3 dec'd 6 rem'd.} 80*

of baptisms in the congregation, 7 / of others, 7 } 14

of marriages, {in the congregation, 4 / of others, 2} 6

of funerals, {in the congregation, 4 / of others, 3} 7

of Sunday scholars, {males, 40 / females, 60} 100

That too much could not be said for the zeal and constancy with which the instructors execute their charge.

Of *St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,* by the Rev. JOHN C. RUDD, D. D. Rector, states,

that the number of families and contributors that belong to it, is about - - 75

of individuals, about - - 350

of communicants, {added 6 / died 4 rem'd. 11} 92

of baptisms, {adults 1 / infants 5} 6

of catechumens, who recite weekly to the Rector, - - 40

of marriages, - - 4

of funerals, {of the congregation 7 / of others 7} 14

of Sunday-school pupils, 70

That the Sunday-school is in excellent order, and flourishing, under the care of a Superintendent, and fourteen teachers.

* Six of this number reside at Belleville, and were not included in the report of last year.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,* by the Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about		40
of communicants,	1 added 6 dec'd. & rem'd	40
of baptisms,	- -	2
of marriages,	- -	1
of funerals,	4 of the congregation 11 of others	15

He also states, that the congregation of that Church has lately contributed, with great liberality, more than three hundred dollars, for the purpose of painting the Church and the Parsonage House, and for erecting a strong and handsome fence around the burial ground. The painting of the two buildings has been finished, and the fence is in progress. The Church, although more than 100 years old, looks now like a new edifice.

That the ladies of the congregation have raised the sum of 40 dollars, for the purpose of erecting, in the Church, a marble tablet, to the memory of the first benefactors of St. Peter's Church, who gave the greater portion of the lands now possessed by the congregation, including the ground on which the Church stands, and that occupied as the place of interment. This business has been completed.

The stability of the Church, and the respectability of the congregation, are both promoted by such zealous and liberal exertions for its temporal welfare, and it is the earnest prayer of the Rector, that those who have given their money, time, or attention, in advancing the temporal welfare of the Church here, may be recompensed with spiritual and everlasting benefits.

Of *Christ-Church, Newton,* by the Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector, states,

that the number of families and contributors of that Church, is about	- - -	50
communicants,	- - -	8

baptisms, - -	6
marriages, - -	3
funerals, - -	4

Of *St. James's Church, Knowlton,* by the Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, the Minister, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about	60
of communicants, 5 added,	25
of baptisms, - -	7
of marriages, - -	1

Of *St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,* by the Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector, states,

that the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about - -	50
of individuals, - -	180
of communicants, {1 added / 1 deceased}	25
of baptisms, {19 white children / 2 coloured do.}	21
of catechumens, - -	28
of marriages, - -	7
of funerals, - -	3
of Sunday scholars, -	48

Of *St. Peter's Church, Freehold,* by the Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Minister, states,

that the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about - - -	60
of individuals, - -	180
of communicants, {1 added / 3 deceased}	16
of baptisms, - -	8
of catechumens, - -	12
of marriages, - -	1
of funerals, - -	4

Of *Christ Church, Shrewsbury,* and *Christ-Church, Middletown,* by the Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector-elect, states,

that he took charge of those Churches in September last, since which time there have been

baptisms,	1 adult, 4 children	5
marriages,	- -	1
funerals,	- -	3

That the Sunday school, at Tinton Falls, continues in operation; number of scholars, about 40

That the number of families, individuals, and Communicants, about the same as reported to the last Convention, by the late Rector, to whose labours, under God, (he observes) I am bound to say, is owing the present prosperity of these Churches.

Of *St. Michael's Church, Trenton,* by the Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector, sates,

that the number of families in that Church, is 64

of communicants,	3 added, 5 removed	58
of baptisms, has been	1 adult, 8 infants	9
of catechumens,	- -	22
of marriages,	- -	6
of funerals,	- -	1
of scholars in the Sunday-school,		51

Of *St. Mary's Church, Burlington,* by the REV. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector, states,

that the number of communicants in that Church, is about - - - - 50

of baptisms,	6 adults, 15 children, 2 infants	23
of marriages,	- -	3
of funerals,	- -	7

That the attendance at Church is regular and devout, and the congregation, it is humbly believed, through the Divine blessing, becomes more and more attached to the duties of religion, and the spirit of the Church.

Of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, by the Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector, states,

that the families and contributors, are about		50
that the number of communicants is—		
3 added—	- -	29
of baptisms,	3 adults 4 children	7

That the present prospects of the congregation are flattering and encouraging; its Sunday-school continues in successful operation, and the Church, through the particular exertions of a young gentleman, has been recently beautified, and its sacred music improved, by the putting up of a handsome and excellent organ.

Of *St. Mary's Church, Colestown,* by the Rev. RICHARD D. HALL, the Minister, states,

that the number of families and contributors in that Church, is - - -	60
of communicants, added 4,	7
of persons lately confirmed,	10

That a catechetical class has recently been formed, which, though small, is interesting: that since the last report, some neat and convenient alterations have been made in the Church, by re-forming the pulpit and reading desk, constructing a decent chancel, and making a small vestry-room. From some causes, unknown to the present Minister, the sacraments of our holy religion have been neglected in this Church; many are unbaptized, and but few come to the Lord's table. Hope, however, is entertained, by faithful labours, and the Divine blessing, that a change will, ere long, take place. On the afternoons of the Sundays when he officiates at St. Mary's, he performs service at the Union school-house, in a remote part of the congregation, six miles from St. Mary's,

where the number that assembles is respectable, and much attention is paid to the services.

Of *St. John's Church, Chew's Landing*, by the Rev. R. D. HALL, Minister, states,

that in the month of April last, he made an engagement with that congregation to officiate in their Church once in every three weeks. Probably it had been vacant for thirty years; but, as encouragement to labour, there yet remained some families attached to the Church order and discipline, and others disposed to support it. Some ancient families had removed to other places, and some reduced by death. Their Church is in excellent repair, and pleasantly situated, with a grove in front. About 120 persons attend Divine service. In addition to the Sunday service, he officiates, once every month, on a week-day evening.

The number of families is not yet ascertained.

of baptisms, - - 1

of funerals, not known.

At present, there is no vestry; but he hopes, this year, to see one formed.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Berkeley*, by the Rev. R. D. HALL, Rector, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is (3 added) - - - 40

of communicants. {7 added, 2 rem'd. 1 dec'd.} 35

of baptisms, has been {4 adults, 5 children} 9

of persons confirmed, - 9

of catechumens, about - 40

of funerals, - - 3

And that the congregation still continues to grow in grace, as well as in numbers.

Of *St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill*, by the Rev. R. D. HALL, Minister, states,

that the number of families and contributors in that Church, is - - - 20

of communicants, - - 5
that the number who usually attend Divine service, is about - 100

That in addition to the services he performs on Sundays, he officiates, once every month, on a week-day evening.

But few attend the recitations of the catechism.

Of *Trinity-Church, Swedesborough*, by the Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector, states,

that the number of communicants in that Church, is { 6 deceased, 2 removed, 2 suspended, 11 added } 82
of baptisms, has been { 6 adults, 18 children } 24
of marriages, - - 6

That the Sunday-school is tolerably well attended, and the congregation continues to increase slowly, though very few give evidences of being religiously exercised. Intemperance and profanation of the Lord's day are prevailing evils.

Of *St. George's Church, Penn's Neck*, by the Rev. CHARLES SMITH, its late Minister, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about 30
of communicants, added 2 10
of baptisms, - - 4

Of *St. John's Church, Salem*, by the Rev. CHARLES SMITH, late Minister, states,

that the number of families in that Church, is about 27
of communicants, added 5 15
of baptisms, { adults 3, children 7 } 10
of persons confirmed, - 14

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Charles Smith appeared, and took his seat.

Mr. Abraham Harris and Mr. Abraham Browning, lay deputies from St. Mary's Church, Colestown, appeared, presented the testimonial of their appointment, and were admitted to seats.

On motion, a committee was appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and make report thereof to the Convention. It consisted of the Rev. Dr. Rudd, and Andrew Bell, Esq.

On motion, the Clergy and Wardens were called on for their reports of collections, for the Missionary and Episcopal funds.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected:

	Missionary Fund.	*Episcopal.*
In St. Paul's Church, Paterson, contributed	35 00	0 00
Trinity-Church, Newark,	52 00	22 00
St. John's, Elizabeth-Town,	10 00	8 50
Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, con.	4 00	0 00
St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,	6 00	0 00
Do. ladies' association, for General Society,	45 00	0 00
St. James's, Piscataway,	4 50	0 00
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	12 12 1-2	0 00
Do. ladies' association, to be expended in the Diocese,	30 00	0 00
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,	2 85	0 00
St. Peter's, Freehold,	1 67	0 00
Christ-Church, Shrewsbury & Middletown,	0 00	10 44
St. Peter's Church, Morris-Town, cont.	22 50	0 00
St. Michael's, Trenton,	13 50	0 00
St. Thomas's, Alexandria, contribution, by the hands of Andrew Allen, Esq.	25 00	0 00
St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	12 20	0 00
Do. ladies association, to be expended in the Diocese,	75 00	0 00
St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	7 70	5 00
St. Mary's, Colestown,	5 36	7 27
Union school-house, a branch of the above	3 40	1 85

St. John's, Chew's Landing,	3 56	0 00
St. Peter's, Berkeley,	3 5	4 04
Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	6 24	0 00
St. John's, Salem,	0 0	7 50
Do. ladies' association,	16 0	0 00
St. George's, Pennsneck,	0 0	2 00

On motion, the Clergy were called on for their reports of gratuitous services, rendered as Missionaries to vacant Churches.

The Rev. Mr. Powers reported that he had officiated one Sunday for the Bishop, during his absence, visiting vacant Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd reported, that he had preached twice on a Sunday in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, during the absence of the Bishop, visiting the vacant Churches.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated once on Sunday afternoon, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and twice on a Sunday, in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, performing Episcopal duties.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he had officiated twice at Belvidere, in Warren county, and three times, agreeably to the request of the Bishop, at Johnsonsburgh, where he would have officiated oftener, had not the Church been undergoing repairs.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that he had officiated twice on a Sunday at Paterson, and several times, on Sundays, in different parts of the county of Middlesex.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that he had officiated at Glassborough, Schull-Town, and also in a vacant Moravian Church, in the vicinity of Swedesborough.

The Rev. Mr. Smith reported, that he had officiated one Sunday at Chew's Landing, and one Sunday at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, since the last Convention.

The proposition, made at the last Convention, by Joseph V. Clark, Esqr. to alter the 1st. article of the Constitution, so that Trenton should, in future, be the permanent place of meeting of the Conventions, was called up, and, after consideration, rejected.

The proposition offered by A. O. Dayton, Esq. at the last Convention, in the following words, viz. "That the first article of the Constitution be altered, by the insertion of the word *Salem*, between the words Perth-Amboy and Burlington," was also called up and unanimously adopted.

The Rev. John Croes, Junr. submitted the following proposition to the consideration of the Convention, viz. that the first article of the Constitution be altered, by the insertion of the word *Paterson*, between the words "Salem," and "Burlington."

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee was now presented, read, and ordered to be apended to the Journal. [*See Appendix*, No. I.]

On motion, the Convention resolved, to go into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen;

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Robert Boggs,
Dr. Rudd,	William P. Deare,
J. Chapman,	Peter Kean, and
J. Croes, Jun.	James Parker, Esqs.
of the clergy.	of the laity.

For Deputies to the General Convention:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean,
Dr. Rudd,	James Parker,
J. Chapman,	Joseph V. Clark, Esq. &
J. Croes, Junr.	Dr. P. F. Glentworth,
of the clergy.	of the laity.

Samuel Pintard, E. B. D. Ogden, and Robert Boggs, Esqs. asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Thursday morning, May 26, 1825.

The Convention met at 7 o'clock.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Rudd.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, made a report of their

proceedings, since the last Convention, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix* No. II.]

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts made report, that they had found them correctly stated, which report was accepted, and ordered, with the accounts, to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix* No. III.]

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Rudd, resolved, that this Convention perceive with pleasure the formation of societies in several congregations, for the purpose of increasing the Missionary Fund; and while they consider the exertions of the Ladies of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, St. John's Church, Salem, St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, as deserving much commendation, they indulge the hope, that the other congregations of the Diocese, will soon be able to make similar efforts.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention, pay to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars, out of any moneys, that have been received since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for the Episcopal Fund.

On motion, resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

On motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, D. D.
Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

Attested, John Croes, Junr. Secretary.

*** The next Annual Convention will be held at Salem, on the last Wednesday in May 1826.

☞ "*Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry-men.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the year, commencing August 20, 1824.

The Standing Committee held their first meeting in New-Brunswick, December 14th, 1824.

PRESENT,

Rev. Dr. Rudd, Robert Boggs, Esq.
J. Croes, Junr. Wm. P. Deare, Esq.
Jacob Van Wickle, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Rudd, was chosen President; Rev. J. Croes, Junr. Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. L. Johnson made application for the testimonial required by the 12th canon of the General Convention, previous to his admission to Priests' orders, and having produced the necessary certificates, it was unanimously resolved that the testimonial be granted to him.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*
JOHN CROES, Junr. *Secretary.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Board of Directors to whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That after the sitting of the last Convention, they engaged the Rev. John Croes, Jun. who had resigned his charge, as Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, to act as a Missionary to the vacant Churches, at a salary of $400 per annum, that Mr. Croes continued to perform his duty faithfully for the space of six months, viz. from 1st. September, to the 1st. March ensuing, when he resigned his office, in consequence of taking charge of the Episcopal Association at Paterson, now St. Paul's Church. The report of his mission is annexed.

J. Croes, Jun. reports that he entered upon the discharge of his duties as Missionary, on the 1st. of September 1824, and continued the same six months. During that period, he officiated every third Sunday, to the Congregation at Paterson, with the exception of one, on which he exchanged duties with the Rev. Dr. Rudd. Two services were performed each time, making the whole number, on Sundays, eighteen. He also attended one funeral, and preached on a week day; and baptized at different times seven children. He officiated twelve times on Sundays, to the Episcopalians at Morristown, six times on Sundays, and once on a week day, at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge; the same number of times on Sundays in St. James's Church, Piscataway, and several times on week days. These two places, not being far distant, he always preached at both on the same Sunday. In St. Thomas's, Alexandria, he officiated only four times, being prevented once from attending, by the badness of the roads, and, at another time, when he attended, no part of the Congregation appearing, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. He also administered the communion at this place, and at Morristown. At the house of Mr. Robert Sharp in Amwell, he officiated twice. His missionary engagement expired on the 1st of March; he however continued to officiate at Paterson, every third Sunday, till the last of April;

when in consequence of an invitation from the Episcopalians to become their minister he removed thither, and took charge of that Congregation. He made collections only at Piscataway and Woodbridge; the other Congregations having been required by the President of the Board of Directors, to give a specified sum, instead of the usual collections. In the former place, he collected four dollars fifty cents, in the latter four dollars. The prospects at Paterson and Morristown, he considers as encouraging. At Paterson as will be seen from his parochial report, efforts are making to build a Church, and in Morristown, it is very probable the same thing might be accomplished, if a clergyman could be settled there. In all the Congregations that he visited, he was very kindly received, and was gratified in finding among Episcopalians generally, an unabated attachment to their Church.

The Board further report, that they had allowed the Rev. Mr. Ward, acting in part as a Missionary to the Churches at Spotswood and Freehold, the sum of $25 for each Church; also to the Rev. Mr. Dunn, acting as a Missionary to Christ Church, Johnsonburgh, the sum of $25, and to the Rev. Mr. Hall $12, for acting as a Missionary to St. John's, Chew's Landing.

That they have now engaged for a few months, the Rev. Charles Smith, as a general Missionary to the vacant Churches, at a salary of $400 per annum.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Perth-Amboy, May 25, 1825.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

		Dolls.	Cents.
1824.			
Octobr 4,	to Cash paid Rev. J. Croes, Junr. Missionary,	50	00
16,	do. paid Rev. Mr. Ward, do.	25	00
Nov. 9,	do. paid William Myer, for printing Journal,	33	75
23,	do. paid Rev. J. Croes, Junr. Missionary,	50	00
Dec. 16,	do. paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions,	50	50
1825.			
Jan. 6,	do. paid Rev. John M. Ward, Missionary,	25	00
Ap'l. 19,	do. paid Rev J. Croes, Junr. do.	100	00
May 21,	to cash loaned, bond and mortgage, No. 23,	400	00
24,	to cash paid to Rev. Mr. Hall, for Missionary duty,	12	00
25,	to balance in the Treasury,	554	14
		$1300	39

FUND CONSISTS OF

United States six per cents	$750	00
Bond No. I.	400	00
Do. No. IV.	150	00
Do. No VII.	150	00
Note No. IX.	100	00
Bond XIV.	500	00
Note for interest,	94	20
Bond No. XVIII.	150	00
Do. No. XIX.	300	00
Do. No. XXI.	200	00
Do. No. XXII.	150	00
Do. No. XXIII.	400	00
Balance in the Treasurer's hands,	554	14 1-2
	$3898	34 1-2

We have examined the above account and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $554 39 cents.

JOHN C. RUDD, } *Comit.*
ANDREW BELL, }

May 25th, 1825.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in N. Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Cr.

1824.	Dolls.	Cents.
August 18, By balance in Treasury,	296	66
December, by interest one year, No. XIX.	21	00
1825.		
March 14, by contribution from Andrew Allen, Esqr. St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria,	25	00
April 1, By interest of six per cent. stock, six months,	22	50
18, by contribution of Episcopalians of Morris, by the hands of General Doughty,	22	50
by do. in St. James's Church, Woodbridge,	4	00
by collections in St. James's Church, Piscataway,	4	50
by do in Trinity-Church, Newark,	32	00
May 2, by do in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	12	12½
by principal and interest, bond and mortgage, No. XX.	428	60
4, by collection in St. Peter's Church, Amboy,	6	00
by contribution of Ladies Missionary Association, St. Peter's Church, Amboy, to Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church,	45	00
11, by interest one year, No. XVII.	10	50
21 by do. No. VII. Note,	10	50
by do. No. IV.	10	50
by ladies' association, Salem, to be applied to Missionary purposes, in this state,	16	00
23 by interest No. I. to May 1, 1825, 1 year and 9 months,	49	00
by do. No. IX. to do. 2 years and 1 month,	14	58
by do. XXII. to do. 1 year,	10	50
24 by ladies' association, New-Brunswick, to be appropriated to Missionary purposes in this Diocese,	30	00
by collection, St. Mary's Church, Colestown,	5	36
by do Union school-house, a branch of the above,	3	40
by do. St. John's, Chew's Landing,	3	56
by do. St. Peter's, Berkeley,	3	05
25 by do. St. John's, Elizabeth-Town,	10	00
by do. Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	6	24
by do. St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	7	70
by do. St. Mary's, Burlington,	12	20
by do. St. Peter's, Spotswood,	2	85
by do. St. Peter's, Freehold,	1	67
by do. St Michael's, Trenton,	13	50
by ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society, of St. Mary's, Burlington, to be applied to the wants of the Diocese,	75	00
A donation from the Episcopal Society,	50	00
By a contribution from the Church at Paterson,	35	00
	$1300	39½

Errors excepted. WILLIAM P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*

May 24th, 1824.

The Bishop's fund in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
1821.		1824.	
September 4, to cash paid Bishop Croes, per order of late Convention,	150 00	August 18, by balance in Treasury,	$149 67
1825.		September 17, by interest, 1 year, No. 3,	26 60
March 31, to cash loaned, bond and mortgage, No 7,	500 00	October, by interest of stock, 3 months,	6 75
to balance in the Treasury,	176 07	1825.	
		January 1, by principal and interest, seven per cent. stock,	508 75
		May 9, by collection in Trinity-Church, Newark,	22 00
		14, by interest, 1 year, No. 3,	26 60
		21, by interest, No. 4, Note,	7 00
		by collection in St. John's Church, Salem,	7 50
		by do. St. George's, Pennsneck,	2 00
		23, by interest, No. 6, 1 year,	17 50
		24, by collection in St. Mary's, Church, Colestown,	7 27
		by do. Union school-house, a branch of the above,	1 85
		25, by do. St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town,	8 50
		by the interest of Rev. Dr. Rudd's subscription, 9 years,	12 60
		by collection in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley,	4 84
		by collection in St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly,	5 00
		by collection in Christ-Church, Middletown, and Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	10 44
	$826 07		$826 07

STATE OF FUND.

Bond and mortgage, No. II.	$380 00
Note, IV.	100 00
Bond and mortgage, No. V.	200 00
Do. No. VI.	250 00
Do. No. VII.	500 00
Cash in the Treasury,	176 07
	$1606 07

Errors excepted, WM. P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*
May 24, 1825.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the treasurer, of $176 07.

JOHN C. RUDD, } *Committee.*
ANDREW BELL, }

May 25, 1825.

The Bishop-Croes Scholarship, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1824			
Sept. 21,	To Cash loaned Elijah Lane, bond and mortgage, E.	$150	00
	To balance in the Treasury,	59	80
		$209	80

FUND CONSISTS.

Bond, Sept. 1, 1822,	$500	00
Note Rev. John Croes, Jun.	100	00
Bond and mortgage, D.	100	00
Note Bishop Croes,	50	00
Bond and mortgage, E. Lane,	150	00
Balance in Treasury,	59	80
	$959	80*

* If to this sum of $959 80, there be added, $377 80, of interest due on the 1st of July next, and subscriptions uncollected, the amount of the fund will be $1337 60.

Cr.

1824.				
Aug. 18,	By balance in Treasury,			$48 00
Oct. 4,	By receipts of Rev. J. Croes, Jun. viz.			
	Lewis Thibou's subscription,	50 00		
	Joseph Higbie,	10 00		
	Charles C. Stratton,	10 00		71 80
	Interest Doct. Glentworth, 1 year,	1 80		
Nov.	By interest on bond of $500,			30 00
1825				
May 21,	By subscription of J. Kinsey, Esq.			10 00
	do Mrs. Sarah Dick,			15 00
	do John Jaquett,			5 00
	do Mrs. Catharine Clark,			5 00
	By a present of Joseph Chatham, Esq. to Bishop Croes, and by the Bishop, presented to this fund,			5 00
	By interest on note of Bishop Croes, of $50, to July 1825,			3 00
	By subscription of John Dobbins,			5 00
23,	By interest on bond and mortgage, D. 1 year,			7 00
24,	By the Rev. Dr. Rudd's instalment,			5 00
				$209 80

Errors excepted, WM. P. DEARE, *Treasurer.*
May 24, 1825.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of $59 80.

JOHN C. RUDD, } *Committee.*
ANDREW BELL, }

May 25, 1825.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Rector-elect of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church, Newtown, and Minister of St. James's Church, Knowlton.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Peter's Berkeley, and Minister of St. Mary's Colestown, St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, and St. John's Chew's Landing.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. Charles Smith, Missionary to the vacant Churches.

The Rev. John Grigg.

The Rev. Matthew Matthews, Deacon, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

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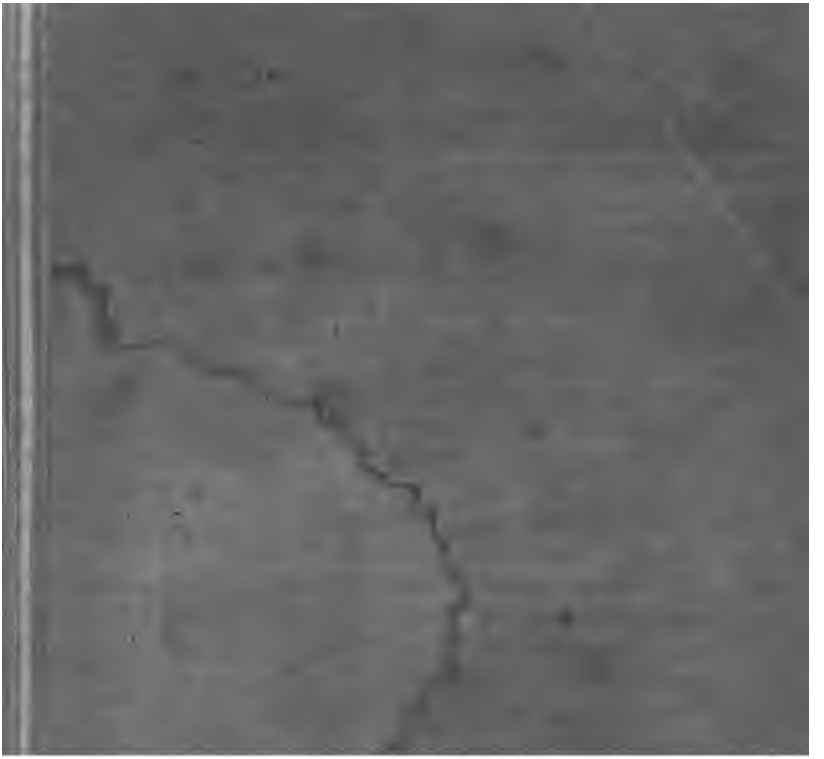
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Of the Clergy and Lay Deputies who composed the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

The Rev. JOHN CROES, Jr. Rector-elect of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary;

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly;

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton, and Minister of St. James's Church, Knowlton;

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector of St Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville;

The Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, Rector-elect of St. John's Church, Salem;

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Deacon, Missionary to the vacant Churches;

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Marsh, Esq. from St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy;

Robert Boggs, Esq. Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

Zachariah Rossell, Esq. St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

Messrs. John Carr, and *Christian Lazalere*, St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

George Haywood, Esq. and *Mr. Thomas Curtis*, St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly;

Messrs. Isaac Welsh, and *Abraham Browning*, St. Mary's Church, Colestown;

Joseph V. Clark, Esq. and *Mr. Nathaniel P. Turner*, St. Peter's Church, Berkeley;

Charles C. Stratton, Esq. and *Messrs. Samuel Black, and Jesse Avis*, Trinity Church, Swedesborough;

Messrs. Enoch Aggins, and *Thomas Wriggins*, St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill;

Dr. Hedge Thompson, Dr. Thomas Rowan, Dr. Benjamin Archer, and *William N. Jeffers, and James Kinsey, Esqrs.* St. John's Church, Salem;

Messrs. Aaron Wright, and *John Jacquet*. St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

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Salem, May 31st, 1826.

THIS being the place and time, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. the Bishop, and several of the Clergy and of the lay deputies, assembled in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock A. M.—Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Matthew Matthews, and a sermon preached by the Rev. John Croes Jr. The Bishop then admitted to the Holy Order of Priests the Rev. Christian F. Crusè, Rector-elect of that Church.

After the termination of the religious exercises, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Wharton and Robert Boggs, Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of their appointment, which should be presented by the lay deputies; and report the number of churches duly represented.

The Committee, on examination, made report, that deputies were present from eleven churches. There were present,

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. The Rev. John Croes, Jun. The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, The Rev. Simon Wilmer, The Rev. William L. Johnson, The Rev. Matthew Matthews, The Rev. Christian F. Crusè, and The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, of the clergy.

And of the lay deputies, Joseph Marsh of St. John's Church, Perth Amboy; Robert Boggs of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick; Zachariah Rossell of St. Michael's Trenton; John Carr and Christian Lazalere of St. Mary's, Burlington; George Haywood and Thomas Curtis of St. Andrew's, Mount Holly;

Isaac Welsh and Abraham Browning of St. Mary's, Colestown; Joseph V. Clark and Nathaniel P. Turner of St. Peter's, Berkeley; Samuel Black, Charles C. Stratton, and Jesse Avis, of Trinity, Swedesborough; Enoch Aggins and Thomas Wriggins of St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill; Dr. Thompson, Dr. Rowan, Dr. Archer, and W. N. Jeffers and James Kinsey of St. John's, Salem; and Aaron Wright and John Jacquet of St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Churches duly represented, being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order, by the President, and proceeded to business.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Jun. was unanimously chosen.

It was moved and seconded, that an invitation be given to such clergymen of other Dioceses, as may be present, to take seats in the Convention, during its sittings: which motion was adopted.

The clergymen who accepted the invitation, were the Rev. Richard F. Cadle of Detroit, and the Rev. Robert Davis of Pennsylvania.

It was moved and resolved, that the rules of order established for the government of the last Convention, be adopted for the government of the present one.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes now delivered the address, provided for in the 45th canon of the General Convention.

ADDRESS.

With lively emotions of pleasure, and with deep gratitude to the Father of mercies, that I am permitted once more, to meet you, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in Convention; I address you on the state of the Church in the Diocese, its progress, the particular Churches which I have visited, and the changes that have taken place, since last we assembled to consult on the best means of promoting its prosperity.

During the residue of the month of May, subsequent to the last Convention, I administered confirmation in St. Peter's Church, at Perth-Amboy, when nine persons ratified their baptismal vows. I also visited St. Paul's Church, at Paterson; and Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, and officiated in both.

In the month of June, I visited St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, St. James's Church, at Knowlton, Christ-Church, at Newton, and Trinity-Church, at Woodbridge, and officiated. At St. James's, Knowlton, nine persons were confirmed, and at that Church, and the Church at Newton, I heard the children examined in the Catechism.

In the month of July, I consecrated, at the request of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry men of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, in the Diocese of New-York—During the absence in Europe, of the Right Rev. Dr. Hobart, Bishop of that Diocese—a new Church erected for the use of that congregation. The Right Rev. Dr. White, the Right Rev. Dr. Kemp, and many Presbyters and Deacons, were present. The Right Rev. gentleman, first named, preached on the occasion. On the next day, (the ninth Sunday after Trinity,) I preached in the same Church, and administered confirmation to seventy-two persons.

In August, I again visited St. Paul's Church, at Paterson, and, at the request of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry men, laid with appropriate solemnities, the corner stone of a Church, to be erected for that congregation. I visited also Christ-Church, at Shrewsbury, instituted the Rev. Eli Wheeler into the Rectorship of that Church, and preached on the occasion. I likewise administered confirmation to nine persons. In the same month, I visited St. John's Church, at Elizabethtown, and preached twice.

In September, I visited St. James's Church, at Piscataway, and officiated; Trinity-Church, at Newark, preached twice, and confirmed ten persons; the Episcopalians at Orange, and officiated; St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria, preached, and administered baptism and the Lord's supper; and the Episcopalians at Amwell, and officiated.

I also visited again in the same month, Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, and admitted to the order of Priests, the Rev. Matthew Matthews, Minister of the congregation of said Chapel. The day following I preached twice, and administered confirmation to thirty-two persons.

In the month of October, I again visited St. Paul's Church, at Paterson, and preached. I also visited St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, and officiated twice; St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, preached, and heard the Rev. Dr. Rudd, the Rector, examine the children in the Catechism; and St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and officiated.

On Sunday, the 7th of May, 1826, I administered confirmation in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, on which occasion, twenty-two persons assumed the vows made for them at their baptism, or ratified those made by themselves, at that holy ordinance.

On Wednesday the 17th of May, I visited St. Michael's Church, at Trenton, and preached in the evening.

On the next day, I attended, as a member, at St. James's Church, in Philadelphia, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On Sunday the 21st, I visited St. Mary's Church, at Burlington, and preached in the morning. In the afternoon I visited St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, preached, confirmed, and examined the children in the Catechism.

On Tuesday the 23d of the same month, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and St. John's Church, Chew's Landing, and officiated in both places.

On Wednesday the 24th, I visited St. Peter's Church Berkeley, and officiated in the afternoon.

On Thursday the 25th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, and preached in the forenoon. In the afternoon, I also visited St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, preached and examined the children in the catechism. The apparent improvement in the spiritual condition of that congregation, and the

good attendance of its members on Divine service—so different from what had occurred in some of my former visits—gave me great satisfaction, and induced the hope, that, under Divine grace, it may become permanent, and continue progressive.

On Friday the 26th, I visited Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, preached twice, confirmed, and examined the catechumens.

On Sunday the 28th, I visited St. George's Church, Pennsneck, preached, confirmed, and examined the children in the catechism. In the afternoon of the same day, I visited St. John's Church, Salem, preached and examined the catechumens. In both Churches, large, attentive, and apparently devout congregations were assembled. In the Church at Salem, I was much pleased in seeing a gallery erected, since my last visit; as it is an evidence of the increase of the congregation.

In that Church, also, I closed my visits for the year just elapsed, in the admission, which you have this day witnessed, of the Rev. Christian Frederick Crusè, its Rector-elect, to the holy order of Priests.

The number of persons confirmed in the Diocese since the last convention, is 102, besides 72 confirmed in the Diocese of New-York.

Two persons only have been ordained, the Rev. Mr. Matthews and the Rev. Mr. Crusè, both to the order of Priests.

Only one clergyman has been instituted Rector of a Church.

The Rev. Charles Smith has resigned his charge, as missionary to the vacant churches, and has removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev, Benjamin Holmes, late a Deacon in the Diocese of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Right Rev. Dr. Hobart, been transferred to this Diocese, and has been appointed a missionary.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusè, late a Deacon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has, by a letter dimissory from the Right Rev. Dr. White, been received into this Diocese, and has been

chosen Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Minister of St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill, and St. John's, Chew's Landing, has resigned those charges, and removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd, for twenty years the respectable Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, has communicated to me, that he has resigned the Rectorship of that Church, and is about to remove into the Diocese of New-York.

While recounting the changes that have taken place in the Diocese, I ought not to omit mentioning, with grateful recollections of the goodness of God, that death has not been permitted to make inroads among our number, my clerical brethren, for several years. But, while I make this pleasing statement, an event of an opposite kind naturally presents itself to my notice, and it is with pain and regret I call your attention to it. I mean the lamented decease of our late worthy Treasurer, William P. Deare, Esq. which has taken place since we last assembled. The loss to the Church of this gentleman, cannot but be deplored by its members, as from a very early age to the time of his death, he almost constantly held, and faithfully discharged various offices in the congregation of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, of which he was a member; and, as you well know, in the Convention of the Diocese; the office of Treasurer of which he held for nearly ten years, and strictly performed all its duties, without the least expense to the Convention.

I need not suggest to you the propriety, indeed necessity, of the Convention's proceeding early to the appointment of a successor to Mr. Deare, in that office.

In making this statement of the affairs of the Church in the Diocese, I cannot help reverting again to the fact, that though it is yet comparatively but a small body; though it has had to contend with almost insuperable difficulties and discouragements, humanly speaking, to preserve even its existence, after the low

state to which it was reduced, by the events growing out of the revolution; yet, blessed be its Divine Head, it not only still lives, but is continually making progress to a more vigorous, enlarged, and permanent state.

This ancient and respectable town, and these hallowed walls, in which we have now for the first time assembled, constitute one among many proofs not only of its revival, but of its increasing prosperity. Not fourteen years ago, this temple was in absolute ruins, and had been so for a long time previously. The sparrow had literally found here, a house, and the swallow, an undisturbed nest. The parish had been destitute of a minister, for at least sixty years, with the exception of one short period, about thirty-three years since; and the congregation was on the point of expiring. Yet, in this apparently hopeless state, God was pleased to put it into the hearts of a few zealous Episcopalians to attempt its recovery. They happily succeeded. The Church was enlarged and completely repaired, a regular congregation organized, and within the last six years they have almost uninterruptedly enjoyed the services of a minister.

Other instances of its progress have heretofore been mentioned. It will be sufficient to advert now to those that have occurred during the past year.

The congregation, at Paterson, which was organized in May last, supplied with a minister, and admitted into the Convention, has, since that period, by the zeal of the Rector and Vestry, commenced and nearly completed a Church of considerable size, neatness, and taste; and bids fair to become one of the most respectable in the Diocese.

The Church at Johnsonburgh, in Warren County—formerly Sussex—which has frequently been reported, as in a very decayed state, and without a congregation; has, by the laudable and zealous instrumentality of the Rev. Mr. Dunn of Newton, been put into a state of good repair, and a small congregation now attends Divine service. Of twenty-seven churches belonging to our communion (including the Church erecting at Paterson) all are

in a state of preservation, and in decent repair. There is a prospect, that two other Churches will shortly be erected.

During the year just terminated, twenty-five congregations have enjoyed stated Divine service and the ministration of the word. Five others have frequently been visited by missionaries; and no congregation has been left destitute of the services of the sanctuary.

The fund for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen, in this Diocese, which is constantly increasing, amounts now to upwards of ten thousand dollars.

The Missionary Fund, and the Episcopal Fund are also in progress.

The fund of the Society for promoting Christian knowledge and piety, instituted some years since, continues to increase. The permanent part of it is upwards of 1200 dollars, and the Society annually distributes Bibles, Prayer-Books, and religious tracts, and, when expedient, makes donations to the Missionary Fund.

With this external prosperity of the affairs of the Church, there is good reason to believe that it is improving in its spiritual condition: that its members not only pay greater attention to the duties of public worship and the ordinances of the gospel; but, through Divine grace, live more under the influence of Christian principles. May this, which is the end of the institution of the Church, so increase, that God may be glorified, and the eternal interests of men be promoted.

In speaking of the affairs of this particular Diocese, it occurs to me, that I ought not to omit mentioning, that, in the month of July last, I again—in my capacity as a member—attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, at New-York; and also the examination of the Students of that Institution, before the Board. Every time I have attended on these examinations, I have returned with renewed and increased Conviction of the utility, and indeed necessity of such institutions, to form able and competent clergymen; and of the excellency and propriety of the *general* one,

which the Church has wisely established and endowed. Diocesan Seminaries could be supported only in a very few instances; perhaps, in not more than two or three Dioceses, and in these, very imperfectly. How much better was it then, to combine all our means in one efficient institution, in which every Diocese has its due proportion of influence, than to have placed the smaller ones in a situation, in which they would be under the necessity of sending their candidates, if they wished them taught in a regular school, to a neighbouring Diocesan Seminary, where they would have neither control nor influence.?

At that meeting, also, the corner stone of the Edifice, to be erected for the accommodation of the Seminary, was laid by the venerable and Right Rev. Dr. White, the President of the Board, assisted by the other Bishops present.

While I am on this subject, my brethren, permit me to call your attention to the state of the fund, which,—by your resolution, at the Convention of 1822,—you made provision to raise, for the purpose of endowing a Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary. At the last report of the Treasurer, the subscriptions, and the interest paid, and due on them, amounted to 1,337 dollars. To this, if there be added the interest, which has accrued since, and a subscription or two, thewhole amount will be about 1400 dollars; which is 600 dollars short of the sum requisite. As little or no progress is making, nor likely to be made in procuring new subscribers for the fund, in consequence of the difficulty of finding persons willing to undertake the office of solicitors; I would suggest the expediency of the Convention's directing, that one collection should be made in each Church in the Diocese in aid of the fund, and that the clergyman of the Church be particularly requested to deliver a discourse on the occasion, stating the nature, object, and utility, of the scholarship to be established; and soliciting the liberality of the congregation in its favour. This perhaps would increase the fund so much, that in the course of two or three years, the interest constantly accruing, would bring it to the requisite sum.

I now offer the parochial reports of the several churches, which have been presented to me, that they may be read, and inserted in the Journal.

JOHN CROES.

Salem, May 31, 1826.

The parochial reports were now read, and are, in substance, as follows:

The report of *Christ-Church, New-Brunswick*, by the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, the Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about - - - - - - 58

of individuals, about	- - -		222
of communicants,	8 added, 5 removed		45
of baptisms, has been	2 adults, 11 children	6 of them abroad	13
of catechumens, about	- -		32
of marriages, has been	- -		6
of funerals,	4 of the congregation, 10 of others		14
of scholars in the Sunday School, (regular attendants,)	- - - -		45
of persons confirmed this year,	-		22

By the exertions of some ladies in the congregation, the Church has been furnished with a new and sweetly-toned organ, the largest in the Diocese.

The association of ladies for missionary purposes, have presented to the missionary fund, $40 this year, to be expended in the Diocese.

The worthy superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School pursue their work of benevolence, with unabating and untiring patience and industry.

Of *St. Paul's Church, Paterson*, by the Rev. John Croes, Jun. the Rector-elect, states,

That the number of families in that Church, is between 50 & 60
of communicants, - - - 15

of baptisms, has been { 1 adult / 12 children } 13
of marriages, - - - - 3
of funerals, - - - - 2

That the congregation of that Church commenced the erection of a house of public worship in August last. The building is now in such a state of forwardness, that it is hoped it will be finished in two months. There is a Sunday School attached to the Church, consisting of between 30 and 40 scholars. He reports also, that there have been no collections made for the Missionary and Episcopal funds, in consequence of the congregation having incurred a very heavy expense this year, in erecting their Church.

Of *Christ-Chapel, Belleville*, by the Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, the Minister, states,

That the number of families and contributors in that Chapel is about - - - - - - 25
of communicants, { 7 added / 2 removed } 20
of baptisms has been, { 1 adult / 13 children } 14
of catechumens, - - - 14
of persons confirmed during the year, - 32
of marriages, - - - - 2
of funerals, - - - - 5

That attendance on Divine service has been greater and more uniform, and the prospect more encouraging, than at the period of his last report.

Of *Trinity-Church, Newark*, by the Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, the Rector, states,

That the number of families in that congregation, is about 60
of communicants, { 6 added / 2 dec'd 12 rem'd } 70
of baptisms has been { 7 of the congregation / 2 of others } 9
of marriages, - - - - 6
of funerals, { 3 in the congregation / 3 of others } 6

That the Sunday School numbers something less than at the last report, notwithstanding the unremitting zeal and perseverance of the teachers.

He also reports, than an association of the ladies of the congregation has been formed, whose object is the support of missionaries officiating in the Diocese: for which purpose they fabricate such articles of needle work, as they can vend to advantage.

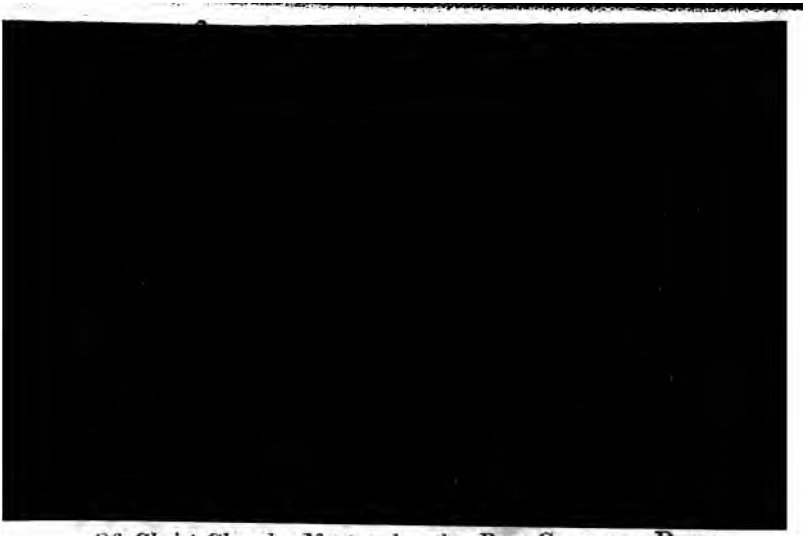
Of *St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City*, by the Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. (of the Diocese of New-York,) its Minister, states,

That the number of families in that Church, professing themselves Episcopalians, is about - - - 20
of communicants, about - - 10
of baptisms, since October last, - 14

Dr. Barry also states, that that Church, from a variety of causes, had, since he relinquished the charge of it, in 1816, become very much reduced, indeed almost extinct; "Now, however," he observes, "and for some time past, the prospects are more cheering. The blessing of the Most High, seems thus far to have attended my humble labours in this small portion of the Lord's vineyard. The attendance at public worship is quite respectable; an increasing interest in the duties of the sanctuary is visible, and a strong attachment to the inestimable services of our truly Apostolic Church, evidently taking place more and more."

Of *St. John's Church, Elizabethtown*, by the Rev. JOHN C. RUDD, D. D. late Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors in that Church, is about - - - - - - 80
of individuals, about - - - 350
of communicants, { 6 removed 2 dec'd / 3 added } 84
of baptisms, has been - - 9
of marriages, - - - - 6
of funerals, { 10 belonging to the congregation / 15 of others } 25



Of *Christ-Church, Newton*, by the Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, the Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is about - - - - - - 50

of communicants, - - - 10

of baptisms, has been { 1 adult / 8 children, } 9

That the Sunday School of that Church, though not large, is regularly, and, he trusts, usefully kept up.

Of St. *James's Church Knowlton*, by the SAME, its Minister, states, tha the number of families, in that Church, is about 60

of communicants, - - - 26

of baptisms, { 3 adults / 13 children } 16

Of *St. Peter's Church, Spotswood*, by the Rev. JOHN M. WARD, the Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is about - - - - - - 50

of individuals, - - - - 180

of communicants, 3 deceased, is - 22

of baptisms, { 1 adult / 8 children } 9

of catechumens, - - - 30

of Sunday School scholars, - - 45

That the situation of that Church is gradually improving, both in spiritual and temporal things.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Freehold*, by the SAME, its Minister, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is about - - - - - - 60

of individuals, - - -	150
of communicants, - - -	20
of baptisms, - - - -	4
of marriages, - - - -	1
of funerals, - - - -	2

That there is a Sunday School kept in the village, which is believed to be in a flourishing condition.

Of *Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown*, by the Rev. ELI WHEELER, the Rector, states,

That the number of families, in those Churches, is	57
of communicants, - - -	61
of baptisms, { 6 adults, 26 children, }	32
of marriages, - - - -	1
of funerals, { 9 of the Church, 4 of others }	13

Of *St. Michael's Church, Trenton*, by the Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, the Rector, states,

That the number of families, in that Church, is about	60
of communicants, { 1 added, 5 removed, }	52
of baptisms, { 3 adults, 16 infants, }	19
of catechumens, - - -	26
of marriages, - - - -	4
of funerals, - - - -	9
of scholars, in the Sunday School, about	20

Of *St. Mary's Church, Burlington*, by the Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. the Rector, states,

That the number of families, in that Church, is	——
of communicants, upwards of - -	50
of baptisms, has been - - -	11
of marriages, - - - -	3
of funerals, - - - -	9

That the attendance upon Divine worship is regular and devout, and the congregation, it is humbly hoped, is becoming through the blessing of God, more and more attached to the ordinances of religion, and the services of the Church. A warm and active zeal to promote the missionary cause, instead of abating, has continued to increase among the ladies of that congregation; which nothing can evince more clearly, than their having raised among themselves upwards of 120 dollars since the last state Convention, when the amount of their association was 75 dollars only.

Of *St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly*, by the Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, the Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is

about - - - - - -		50
of communicants,	1 added, 3 deceased	27
of baptisms,	1 adult, 4 children	5
of marriages, - - - -		2
of funerals, - - - -		6

That it is but justice to remark, that the Sunday School of St. Andrew's, through the laudable efforts of a small number of ladies, is progressing with vigour; that the congregation is increasing in numbers, piety, and respectability; and that the interior of the Church has been much improved and beautified by the munificence of its members.

Of *St. Mary's Church, Colestown*, by the Rev. RICHARD D. HALL, its late Minister, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is

about - - - - - -	62
of communicants, one deceased, -	6
of baptisms, - - - -	1
of marriages, - - - -	4
of deaths, - - - -	6

That since the last report, the congregation have procured suitable vessels for the celebration of the Holy Communion, and other conveniences for the due performance of Divine service,

and that there appears to be an increase of zeal in the cause of religion.

Of *St. John's Church, Chew's-Landing*, by the SAME REV. GENTLEMAN, its late Minister, states,

That the number of families, and contributors, in that Church, is

about	- - - - - -	25
	of communicants, - - -	2
	of funerals, has been, - - -	7

That the Church, after a long sleep, has been aroused, and that the prospects are such, as to induce the belief, that if the ministration of the word and ordinances are continued, much may be done to advance the Divine glory and the salvation of souls.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Berkeley*, by the SAME, its late Rector, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is

about	- - - - - -	42
	of communicants, { 3 added, 2 deceased, }	36
	of baptisms, - - - -	7
	of marriages, - - - -	2
	of deaths, - - - -	4

That, by the liberality of Dr. J. Y. Clark of Philadelphia, the congregation has been presented with a silver communion service, and is still improving.*

Of *St. Stephen's Church, Mullica-Hill*, also, by the SAME, its late Minister, states,

That the number of families and contributors, in that Church, is

about	- - - - - -	20
	of communicants, - - -	6
	of persons who generally attend on public worship, about - - -	110

That the congregation is gradually increasing.

Of *St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough*, by the Rev. MR.

* The Rev. Simon Wilmer, since Mr. Hall's resignation of the Rectorship, officiates in this Church, once on a Sunday in every two weeks.

HALL, who has acted as a Missionary to that Church, during a portion of the past year, reports,

That the number of families belonging to the congregation, is about - - - - - - 20

of communicants—deceased 3 - 8

of baptisms, { 2 adults, 4 children, } 6

Additional baptisms performed by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, { 2 adults, 5 children } 7

13

of deaths, - - - - 5

Mr. Hall also states, that he visited that Church, on four Sundays and on one week day, and officiated ten times: that a remnant is still found, who are sincerely attached to the Church, in her various distinctive features, and are desirous of having a Minister among them.

Mr. Wilmer reports, that he has visited that Church as Missionary four times, and officiated; and that a Sunday School is organized in it.

Of *Trinity-Church, Swedesborough*, by the Rev. SIMON WILMER, the Rector, states,

That the number of families in that Church, is about 150

of communicants, { 5 removed, 5 deceased, 1 withdrawn, 13 added } 84

of baptisms, { 6 adults, 19 children } 25

of marriages, - - - - 9

of Sunday scholars, about - - 100

That a contribution has been made towards defraying the expenses of our Bishop, amounting to 20 dollars.

Of *St. George's Church, Pennsneck*, by the Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, the Minister, states,

That the number of families, in that Church, is about 28

of communicants, - - - 10

of baptisms, { 1 adult, 2 children, } 3

of persons confirmed, - - - 3

That a Sunday school has been instituted in that Church, under the immediate care of the Minister.

Of St. *John's Church, Salem*, by the Rev. Christian F. Cruse, the Rector-elect, states,

That the number of families, in that Church, is about	30
of communicants, - - -	15
of catechumens, - - -	14
of marriages, - - - -	1
of funerals, - - - -	1

It was then moved and resolved, that the Convention go into the election of a Treasurer, which office had become vacant, by the decease of William P. Deare, Esq. Whereupon, Dr. Edward Carroll of New-Brunswick, was duly chosen.

Robert Boggs, Esq. now presented a statement of the accounts of the late Treasurer, which, on motion, were committed to the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, and Joseph V. Clark, Esq. to examine and report thereon.

The proposition offered by the Rev. John Croes, Jun. at the late Convention, in the following words, viz. "That the first article of the Constitution be altered by the insertion of the word *Paterson*, between the words Salem and Burlington," was now called up by the proposer, and adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sittings, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon 4 o'clock.

On motion, the Clergy and Wardens were called on for their reports of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds, during the year just elapsed.

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected:—

	Miss.	*Epis.*
In Christ-Chapel, Belleville, - - - - - - - - -	13 00	00 00
In Trinity-Church, Newark, a contribution from an Association of Ladies - - - - - - - - -	50 00	00 00
From the Episcopalians at Orange - - - - - - -	18 42	00 00
In St. John's Church, Elizabethtown - - - - - -	0 00	00 00
In St. Peter's Church, Morristown, a contribution - - - -	72 50	00 00
In Trinity-Church, Woodbridge - - - - - - - -	9 31	00 00

	Miss.	Epis.
In St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy	8 65	06 82
In St. James's Piscataway	7 09	00 00
In Christ-Church, New-Brunswick	10 00	13 00
Contribution from the ladies of that Church	40 00	00 00
In St. Peter's Church, Spotswood	4 00	00 00
In St. Peter's, Freehold	1 25	00 00
In Christ-Church, Shrewsbury and Middletown	8 08	6 42
St. Michael's Church, Trenton	0 00	10 05
In St. Thomas's, Alexandria	7 20	00 00
In St. Mary's Church, Burlington	12 00	00 00
A contribution from an Association of Ladies in that Church	121 25	00 00
In St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly	16 17	16 18
In St. Mary's, Colestown	8 85	00 00
In Union School-House, a branch of the above	4 05	00 00
In St. John's Church, Chew's Landing	3 72	00 00
In St. Peter's, Berkeley	6 35	00 00
In Trinity-Church, Swedesborough	8 44	00 00
In St. Stephen's, Mullica-Hill	3 52	00 00
In St. Thomas's, Glassborough	3 00	00 00
In St. George's, Pennsneck	1 50	00 00
In St. John's, Salem	4 50	15 50
A contribution from an Association of Ladies of that Church	16 50	00 00

On motion, the Clergy were called on for their reports of services rendered, as Missionaries to vacant Churches.

The Rev. Mr. Matthews reported that he had officiated once, on a Sunday afternoon, at Orange; and twice on a Sunday, at Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, performing Episcopal duties.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported that he had officiated one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported that he had performed Divine service, and preached ten times at Johnsonburgh, twice at Belvidere; and, in the absence of the Bishop, twice, on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that he had occasionally officiated at Mullica-Hill, Berkeley, Chew's-Landing, Sculltown, and at the Moravian meeting house, near Oldman's Creek.

The Rev. Dr. Rudd, the Rev. Mr. Powers, and the Rev. Mr. Holmes, also preached, one Sunday each, at Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the Bishop's absence visiting the Diocese.

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Commitee was now presented, read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal.—[*See Appendix*, No. I.]

The Bishop as one of the surviving Trustees, appointed by the Legislature of this state, to make sale of the Church property at Amwell, and deposite the proceeds of it in the treasury of this Convention, reported, that the Trustees had effected the sale of said property for the sum of $317,50. Whereupon, the Convention, on motion, expressed their approbation of the terms on which it was sold.

The Committee to whom was referred the statement of the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented by Robert Boggs Esq. report that upon the death of William P. Deare, Esq. (the late Treasurer of the Convention,) on the 1st of February last, Mr. Boggs received from his executrix the bonds and mortgages of the Convention; adjusted the accounts of the late Treasurer; and also received the balances of the several funds remaining in his hands; that on examining the accounts thus adjusted, they find them correct.

Whereupon, resolved, that the Convention approve of Mr. Bogg's conduct, and request him to procure the assignment of the said bonds and mortgages to Dr. Edward Carroll, the new Treasurer, and deliver the same to him, and also to pay over to him, the balances received from the executrix of the late Treasurer, and the interest and other monies received by him, since the decease of the late Treasurer. The statement also of the late Mr. Deare's accounts, was also ordered to be appended to the Journal.—[*See Appendix*, No. III.]

On motion, resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be given to Robert Boggs Esq. for his kindness and attention in receiving the valuable papers and money belonging to this Body, and for his trouble, in arranging the accounts of the late Treasurer.

The following addition to the eighth article of the Constitution, was proposed for the consideration of the Convention to be inserted immediately after the first sentence: *But in case the Treasurer should die, resign his office, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, during its recess, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer to serve*

until the next succeeding Convention; who is authorized to receive any moneys, bonds, mortgages, or notes, that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

On motion, the Convention resolved to go into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention for the ensuing year.

For the Standing Committee, the following persons were duly chosen:—

The Rev. James Chapman,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
John, Croes, Jun,	James Parker, Esq.
John M. Ward,	Dr. Edward Carroll,
William L. Johnson,	Joseph Marsh, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

Mr. Boggs now asked and obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sittings to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, June 1, 1826.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Dunn.

The Bishop, having resumed the chair, the Convention proceeded to elect Deputies to the General Convention.

The following were the persons chosen:

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	The Hon. Daniel Garrison,
J. Croes, Jun,	James Parker, Esq.
G. Y. Morehouse,	Joseph V. Clark, Esq.
C. Dunn,	Joseph Marsh, Esq.
of the Clergy.	of the Laity.

On motion, the Board of Directors of the Missionary fund, made their annual report, which was read, accepted, and directed to be appended to the Journal.—[*See Appendix*, No. II.]

It was moved and resolved, that a Committee be appointed to

nominate three persons as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; to which number this Diocese is entitled. The Committee appointed were the Rev. Mr. Dunn, and William N. Jeffers, Esq.

Mr. Welsh and Mr. Browning, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn offered the following resolution for the consideration of the Convention; which, after some remarks, was adopted.

Whereas the fund directed to be raised by this Convention at its sitting in 1822, for the purpose of establishing a Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, to be denominated *the Bishop-Croes Scholarship*, has not yet arrived to the sum requisite: It is resolved, therefore, that each clergyman in the Diocese, cause one collection to be made in every Church under his care, on some Sunday before the first of November next, and shall preach a sermon suitable to the occasion, previously to the collection. The Bishop is also requested to prepare an address on the subject, to be read by each clergyman to his congregation on the Sunday, when notice shall be given of the time that the collection is to be made.

Should any clergyman prefer it, he may in lieu of a collection, circulate, or cause to be circulated among his congregation, a subscription to the same effect, previously to the aforesaid first of November.

In either case, the moneys obtained shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention, as early as possible.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees to the Theological Seminary, reported that they had nominated the Rev. John Croes Jr. the Rev. William L. Johnson, and Peter Kean, Esq. which nomination was approved of by the Convention, and these persons accordingly appointed.

The following substitute for Article III. of the Constitution was proposed for the consideration of the Convention, by the Rev, William L. Johnson:

"*Every Priest or Presbyter, residing in the Diocese, who shall*

have regularly officiated for the space of one year, shall be a member ex-officio. *Deacons who belong to the Diocese, and officiate steadily within it, shall also be admitted to seats, and may express their opinions on all questions that come before the Convention; but may neither vote, be appointed members of the Standing Committee, be elected Deputies to the General Convention, nor Trustees of the General Theological Seminary."*

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Stratton, and adopted by the Convention:—

This Convention having acquired some funds, and having experienced considerable inconvenience in managing and securing them:—*Resolved*, that the Standing Committee be, and they are hereby directed to apply to the Hon. the Legislature of the State, at their next session, praying that they would grant them the usual charter in such cases, incorporating them under the name of *The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the order of the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars out of any moneys that have accrued since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for the Episcopal Fund.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that the Convention rise.

JOHN CROES, D.D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

(ATTESTED) JOHN CROES, JR. *Secretary.*

☞ The next Annual Convention will be held at Paterson, on the last Wednesday in May, 1827.

☞ "*Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D, and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry men."

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY,

IN JUNE. 1826.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D, Rector of St. Mary's Church Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev, JOHN CROES, Jun. Rector-elect of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newtown, and Minister of St. James's Church, Knowlton.

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's Freehold.

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church Middleton.

The Rev. JOHN GRIGG.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, Rector-elect of St. John's Church Salem.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Deacon, Missionary to the vacant churches.

The Rev. SMITH PYNE, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, officiates as Minister of St. Matthew's Church, City of Jersey.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the year commencing May 26, 1825.

New-Brunswick, Sept. 29th, 1826.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. J, C. Rudd, D. D. President	Robert Boggs, Esq.
The Rev. James Chapman	William P. Deare, Esq.
James Parker, Esq.	

The Rev. Matthew Matthews made application, through the President, for the testimonial required by the 12th Canon, in order to his admission to Priests' Orders, and having produced the necessary cestificates, it was unanimously resolved that the testimonial be granted to him. The Committee adjourned.

New-Brunswick, May 11th, 1826.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT.

The Rev. J. C. Rudd, D. D. President	Robert Boggs, Esq.
The Rev. James Chapman	James Parker, Esq.*

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, a Deacon, officiating at St. John's Church, Salem, made application, through the President, for the testimonial required for admission to Priests' Orders. The documents laid before the Committee being satisfactory, the testimonial was granted to him unanimously. The Committee adjourned.

JOHN C. RUDD, *President.*

JOHN CROES, Jr, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

To whom is confided the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention:

That the Rev. Charles Smith, who was mentioned in the last report of the Board, as having been engaged as a Missionary, had, in consequence of bad health, resigned his office in August last; and that the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, late a Deacon in the Diocese of New-York, was immediately engaged to succeed him, at a salary of $400 per annum. That Mr. Holmes, since his appointment, has been

* William P. Deare, Esq. a member of the Committee, having died since the last Convention, four members constitute a quorum of that body, till a new appointment.

constantly and faithfully occupied in the duties of his office, and purposes to continue performing them.

The report of the Rev. Mr. Smith, states, that he preached three Sundays at Piscataway; three Sundays at Woodbridge; three Sundays at Morristown; two Sundays at Alexandria; one Sunday at Salem, also on a week day; and once on a Sunday at Quakertown, near Alexandria.

The report of the Rev. Mr. Holmes, is as follows:

"Since the 28th of August last, I have officiated on thirty-seven Sundays, and have twice been prevented from fulfilling my appointments; once by indisposition, and once by the inclemency of the weather. My services have been devoted to the Churches at Piscataway, Woodbridge, and Alexandria, and the congregations at Orange and Morristown; at the last of which places I have officiated on two Sundays in each month, since last November, one Sunday excepted, when I officiated at Paterson, in exchange with the Rev. J. Croes, Jun. Twice I have held Divine service, and preached at the house of Mr. Robert Sharp, Amwell; five times on week days in the above places, and their vicinity; and one Sunday at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop. The whole number of times in which I have preached, is as follows: in St. James's Church, Piscataway, seven; Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, eight; St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, and its vicinity, eight; to the congregation in Orange, and its vicinity, twenty-one; to that at Morristown, thirty-two; in Paterson, twice; in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, twice; and twice at Amwell.

The number of communicants, as far as I can ascertain them, and other particulars usually stated in parochial reports, will appear in the following statement: At Orange, there are six communicants; six children* have been baptized. At Morristown there are five communicants; one adult and seven children have been baptized, and one funeral has been attended. The number of communicants at Alexandria, is three, and at Piscataway three. At Morristown and Orange, the prospects of the Church are highly gratifying. The congregations in each place are respectable and increasing in numbers, and manifest a seriousness, attention, and devotion, that give ground to hope that the cause of true religion is advancing; and that, at a period not very remote, churches will be organized, and edifices erected for the public worship of Almighty God, according to the sober, devotional, and edifying liturgy of our Church.

I connot conclude my report, without acknowledging the obligations under which the congregations to whom I minister, lie to the agent of the New-York Auxiliary Bible and Common Prayer Book Society. By his liberality two of them have been supplied with octavo prayer books for the desk; and he has also furnished a number of tracts and the smaller kind of prayer books for distribution.

All which is respectfully submitted."

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Salem, June, 1, 1826.

* Two of these were baptized in the neighbouring township of Caldwell; but it was thought best to include them among those at Orange.

APPENDIX, NO. III.

The Missionary Fund of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.

Dr.

1825			D	C
July	12	To cash paid to Rev. Chas. Smith, Missionary	25	00
Aug	3	To do do	30	00
Sept	13	To do paid Mr. Myer for printing the Journal	36	00
Oct.	17	To do paid Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Missionary	50	00
"	20	To do a draught in favour of Thomas Hale, Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Soc. being a donation from the ladies of St. Peter's Church, Amboy	45	00
"	29	To do paid Rev. John Croes, Jr. Missionary	50	00
Nov	11	To do paid Rev. John M. Ward do	25	00
"	15	To do paid Rev. Clarkson Dunn do	25	00
1826				
Jan.	28	To do paid Rev. Benjamin Holmes do	100	00
1825				
Oct.	8	To do loaned, Bond and Mortgage, No. XXIV, (omitted to be charged by Mr Deare)	260	00
1826				
Mar	8	To balauce due the Fund	244	14
			$890	14

Cr.

1825				
Sept.	27	By balance in the Treasury from former statements	554	14
	"	By cash from Rev James Chapman, Treasurer of the Episcopal Society of New-Jersey, a donation from that Society to the Missionary Fund,	35	00
Nov.	30	By interest on Bond No XIX, one year,	21	00
Oct.	1	By six month's interest on $750 U. S. stock	22	50
	"	By principal of $250 U. S. stock paid off,	250	00
1826				
Jan.	1	By interest on $250 U. S. stock for three months,	7	50
			$890,14	

1826			D	C
March	21	To balance paid to Robt. Boggs for the Convention	244	14

1826			D	C
March	8	Balance due the Fund	244	14

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Convention of the P. E. Church in New-Jersey, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

			D	C				
1825 June	6	To paid Bishop Croes, by order of Convention,	$ 170	00	1825 May	31	By balance in the Treasury from former statement,	176 07
1826 March	21	To balance due the fund,	06	07				
			$176	7				$176 07

			D	C				
1826 March	21	To balance paid by Executrix to Robert Boggs, for the Convention,	06	07	1826 March	21	By balance due the fund,	06 07

Dr. *The Bishop Croes-Scholarship Fund, in account with William P. Deare, Treasurer of the Convention.* *Cr.*

			D	C				
1826 March		To balance due Fund, paid by Executrix to Robert Boggs, for the Convention,	59	80	1825 May	24	By balance in the Treasury from former statement,	59 80

Robert Boggs, (who, on the death of William P. Deare, temporarily assumed the office of Treasurer.) in account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey.

Dr. *Cr.*

			D	C				
1826 March	21	To cash received of the Executrix of W. P. Deare, being the balance due on the Missionary fund,	244	14	May	1	[*Account continued from left hand column.*] To one year's interest received on Bond No. 23, to 21st inst. Missionary fund,	24 00
		To do. do. being the balance due on the Episcopal Fund	6	7	"	3	To one one year's interest received on Bond No. 7, belonging to the Episcopal fund,	30 00
		To do. do. being the balance due on the Bishop Croes-Scholarship	59	80	"	26	To collection received from St. Peter's Church, Amboy, Missionary fund,	8 65
		Amount of balance due from the late W. P. Deare.	$310	01	"	27	Do. do. Episcopal fund	6 82
April	29	To interest received on Bond, No. 24, up to the 1st May, belonging to the Missionary fund,	8	75			To one year's interest received on Bond No. 3, Episcopal fund,	28 80
								$414 83

Statement of Stock belonging to each Fund.

MISSIONARY FUND.	
United States Stock, 6 per cents,	$500 00
Bond No I	400 00
Do No IV	150 00
Do No VII	150 00
Note No IX	100 00
Bond No XIV	500 00
Note for interest,	94 20
Bond No XVIII	150 00
Do No XIX	300 00
Do No XXI	200 00
Do No XXII	150 00
Do No XXIII	400 00
Do XXIV	260 00
Cash in the Treasury on the 27th May, 1826,	285 30
	$3639 50

EPISCOPAL FUND.	
Bond No III	$380 30
Note No IV	100 00
Bond No V	200 00
Bond No VI	250 00
Bond No VII	500 00
Cash in the Treasury on the 28th May, 1826,	69 49
	$1499,40

BISHOP CROES-SCHOLARSHIP.	
Bond A	500 00
Note B	100 00
Note C	50 00
Bond D	100 00
Bond E	150 00
Cash in the Treasury on the 27th May, 1826	59 80
	$959 80

If to this sum, there be added the interest due on the first of July next, and the subscriptions uncollected; the fund will amount to upwards of $1400.





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